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"...brilliantly played by André Laplante...What a tour de force!"
[Prokofiev Piano Concerto No. 2, Montréal Symphony Orchestra] *Toronto Globe and Mail*

Beyond the universal acclaim for his "immense technique" (*Vancouver Sun*) and "sweeping power" (*Buffalo News*), pianist André Laplante brings to the stage interpretations that serve the music and offer the audience "a profoundly introspective experience. Here was a master pianist at the top of his form." (*Toronto Star*)

Firmly established as one of the great romantic virtuosos, Canadian pianist André Laplante garnered international attention with prizes at the Geneva and Sydney International Piano Competitions – and then captured the silver medal at the International Tchaikovsky Competition in Moscow. Critics have compared him with Ashkenazy, Horowitz and Rudolph Serkin, placing him in the elite circle of virtuoso pianists who do not hesitate to take risks.

"...such a performance is almost a miracle" *Le Soleil*

In appearances as concerto soloist with, among others, the Toronto, Montréal and Chicago Symphony Orchestras, and the Czech Philharmonic at Carnegie Hall, Laplante continues to amaze with his "convincing command of a wide range of repertoire" (*Ft. Worth Star Telegram*) and his "bone deep musical sensibility" (*Toronto Globe and Mail*).

A sample of his recent engagements includes the Minnesota Orchestra conducted by Sir Neville Marriner, a European tour with the Toronto Symphony under Andrew Davis. He gave an extensive North American tour with the Royal Philharmonic under the baton of the late Sir Yehudi Menuhin, and he has appeared with the Dewan Filharmonik Petronas in Malaysia, the Columbus Symphony, National Arts Centre Orchestra of Ottawa, and the symphonies of Winnipeg, Edmonton, Vancouver, Lexington, Pasadena and México City. Laplante has made a major concert tour of the People's Republic of China, as well as recital tours of the Far East, Australia and North America, and performed at major music festivals in France, Hungary, Portugal, Austria, Canada and the United States.

An active recording artist, André Laplante has recorded for CBC, Melodia, and Analekta, which has released works of Liszt, Ravel, Rachmaninov and an award winning Brahms disc. His recording of Tchaikovsky No. 1 with Joav Talmi and l'Orchestre Symphonique de Québec was nominated for the 2001 Felix Award, and his performance of Jacques Hetu's Piano Concerto No. 2 for CBC Records won the 2004 Juno award. In 1999, Mr. Laplante received two Opus Awards.

In 2005, Mr. Laplante was honored to be named an Officer of the Order of Canada.

"Laplante has an immense technique which he uses only to make points such as are called for. Everything he plays is intensely musical." *The Vancouver Sun*

"...bone deep musical sensibility; a perfection of detail in the meaningful context of the whole. Nothing, neglected, nothing inflated, and everything brimming with life....I am in no doubt he (Laplante) is among the master pianists." [Mozart Piano Concerto in A Maj. K 414, Via Salzburg Chamber Orchestra] *Toronto Globe and Mail*

"Laplante...strode on stage with Lisztian hair and convincing command of a wide range of repertoire...Liszt...perfect for a pianist with the flair and fingers of Laplante" *Fort Worth Star Telegram*

"The sweeping power of Laplante and his ability to articulate the melody and accompaniment played simultaneously by the single hand were remarkable." [Ravel Piano Concerto for Left Hand, Buffalo Philharmonic] *The Buffalo News*

"...such a performance is almost a miracle ... I shall remember for a long time with what effectiveness André Laplante fashioned the sonoric material and succeeded to keep the most forceful passages of an incredible clarity." [Rachmaninoff Piano Concerto No. 3, L'Orchestre Symphonique de Québec] *Le Soleil*

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