

FOCUS MONTREAL

FIDDLER ON THE ROOF RETURNS TO MONTREAL

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Evenko and Broadway Across Canada are bringing the Montreal engagement of the Tony Award-Nominated Broadway revival of Fiddler on the Roof to Salle Wilfrid-Pelletier of Place des Arts, from April 28-May 3, 2020. Now an entire new generation will be introduced to the beloved book musical from Joseph Stein and Pulitzer Prize winners Jerry Bock and Sheldon Harnick. Stein's book is based on Yiddish writer Sholem Aleichem's stories about Tevye and his daughters.

It's ironic that backers hesitated to produce Stein's 1964 revival of Fiddler on Broadway. The producers felt it lacked broad appeal. On the contrary, Fiddler on the Roof was the first musical in history to surpass 3,000 performances and garnered multiple awards, including a Tony for best musical. The entire production continues to transcend generations and enlighten people of all faiths, here and abroad.

Set in the Russian shtetl (village) of Anatevka (Please turn to page 14)

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in 1905, the story focuses on Tevye, the tailor's struggles to earn a living, tend to his overwrought wife, arrange husbands for three of their five daughters, and maintain traditional values amid the younger generation's opposition. Tevye relates his concerns and seeks God's guidance.

The recent Broadway revival of *Fiddler on the Roof* under the direction of Bartlett Sher (Tony Award-winner, *The King and I*) is embellished with Israeli-born choreographer Hofesh Schechter's energized dance movements inspired by the iconic Jerome Robbins. Music is directed by Ted Sperling; scenic design by Michael Yeagan (Tony Award-nominee); costume design by Catherine Zuber (Tony Award-winner, *The King and I*); lighting design by Donald Huber (Tony Award-nominee) and Sound design by Scott Lehrer (Tony Award-

winner, *South Pacific*); and wig design by Tom Watson.

Sher, an American theatre and film director, is hailed by *The New York Times* as "one of the most original, exciting directors, not only in the American theatre but also in the international world of opera." Therefore, audiences are bound to leave Place des Arts humming to the music, cherishing the lyrics and reflecting on the staging.

Among perennial favourites, audiences can look forward to are "If I Were A Rich Man", "L'Chaim! (To Life)", "Matchmaker, Matchmaker" and "Tradition".

The Broadway performers are preened to take the stage and lend ambience to the elegant Salle Wilfrid-Pelletier. Readers can order tickets for the Montreal revival of *Fiddler on the Roof* at the Place des Arts box office, by phone 1-866-842-2112 or

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ISRAELI FORMULA ONE DRIVER: Roy Nissany

has become the official test driver for the Williams Group, making him Israel’s very first Formula One driver. Nissany was formally introduced at a press conference this past winter at the Peres Center for Peace and Innovation, by the group’s president Claire Williams and native Montrealer Sylvan Adams, who has supported Nissany’s development in motor racing and serves as president of Nissany’s management group. The 25-year-old, who began his journey in motor racing at aged 14, comes to Formula One, following two very successful seasons in Formula V8 3.5, where he secured 13 podium finishes and reached pole position seven times. We should see him here in Montreal in June for the Grand Prix du Canada.

Mr. and Mrs. Myer Zelicovitch, Mount Royal Avenue West, accompanied by their niece, Miss Eva Straiker, are spending the holidays in Atlantic City.

Mrs. A. Cohen of, Villeneuve West, entertained at bridge Thursday. Prize winners were: Mrs. A. Potechin, Mrs. A. Dribin and Mrs. L Spunt.

MONTREAL NOSTALGIA

The following items were taken from the April 18, 1930 edition of *The Jewish Standard*.

Mrs. Moe Greenblatt of Quebec who was in town to attend the Waldman-Adelstein wedding has returned home.

Mrs. L. Paperman entertained at a linen shower at the Samovar Tea Rooms Sunday March 30th, honouring Miss Jennie Levine, a bride of June.

The marriage of Edith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Schwartz of Elberfeld, Germany, to Mr. Wolf Haltrecht of Montreal took place at the home of Rabbi S. Dubitzky, on Sunday, April 6th. The bride was given away by her cousin, Mr. A. Pipersberg, Miss Margot Pipersberg was maid of honor.



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