

THE 
PRESENTS:

OKTOPUS

SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2026 @7:30PM



Oktopus performances are both passionate and virtuosic, laced with humor and storytelling. Melancholic tunes — echoes of centuries of persecution — are followed by unbridled celebrations. Their arrangements and interpretation are deeply rooted in klezmer tradition, yet the group extends these roots to include works by Brahms, Kodály, and Mahler, songs from Quebec, and even jazz improvisation. Respect for different traditions, authenticity, and a desire to unite through music are central to Oktopus's artistic approach.

After *Lever l'encre* in 2014, Oktopus released *Hapax* in 2017, followed by *Créature* in 2021 — both earning multiple nominations in Canada. Now in spring 2025, Oktopus presents its latest album, *Brahms, Balkans & Bagels*. Behind this humorous title lies a unique project that sets ablaze the fusion of classical and Eastern European folk music.

In 2019, Oktopus won the Special Prize for the Most Creative Fusion of Ancient and Contemporary Music Traditions at the Slovak Radio's International Competition of Folk Music Recordings in Bratislava. In 2023, their recording of *Wiegala*, a piece composed by Ilse Weber in the Theresienstadt concentration camp, received the People's Choice Award at the Bubbe Awards for best Jewish song video, presented annually by the Jewish Music Institute of Brazil.

Formed in 2010, the eight-piece Oktopus ensemble was founded by clarinetist Gabriel Paquin-Buki, who arranges and composes for the group. [OKTOPUS.CA](https://www.oktopus.ca)

THE MUSICIANS OF OKTOPUS:

Gabriel Paquin-Buki

clarinet, composition,
& arrangements



Noémie Caron-Marcotte

flute



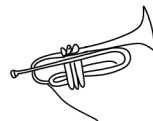
Guillaume Martineau

piano



Francis Pigeon

trumpet



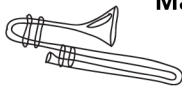
Matthieu Bourget

bass trombone



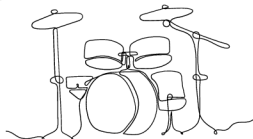
Madeleine Doyon

tenor trombone



Maxime Philippe

drums & percussions



Veronica Ungureanu

violin



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