



# THE GLENN GOULD MONTHLY

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With the recent inception of our new website ([www.glenn Gould.ca](http://www.glenn Gould.ca)) we wish to inform our readers that as of January 2010, *The Glenn Gould Monthly* will be discontinued. Please visit our website for future articles and newsworthy items.

### HIGHLIGHTS: Celebration of Music Week - Toronto (October 26-29, 2009)



This past October saw what some consider the cultural event of the year here in Toronto. As part of a jam-packed week of events surrounding the presentation of The Eighth Glenn Gould Prize to Dr. Jose Antonio Abreu (founder of the Venezuelan musical miracle, *El Sistema*), and The Glenn Gould City of Toronto Protege Prize to 28-year old conducting sensation, Gustavo Dudamel (conductor of the Los Angeles Philharmonic, and former *El Sistema* pupil), the city was treated to a total of 25 performances, involving over 280 musicians - including the 230-piece Simon Bolivar Youth Orchestra of Venezuela in their Canadian debut under the baton of Maestro Dudamel - in a staggering 26 venues which included the Four Seasons Centre for the Performing Arts, Koerner Hall at The Royal Conservatory, and Rogers Centre. Besides Dr. Abreu and Maestro Dudamel, special guests included Linda Ronstadt, Murray McLaughlin, and the Canadian Brass. In it's entirety, The Celebration of Music week reached a total of over 20,000 people, the majority of which were students. Other participants came from as far away as Kenya, Cuba, Scotland, England, Australia, and the United States.

### October 26: Gala Concert at The Four Seasons Centre



The kick-off event of The Celebration of Music Week was captured by a Canadian premiere of Gustavo Dudamel conducting the SBYOV at The Four Seasons Centre for the Performing Arts. Sponsored by The Bay, the concert - hosted by CBC's Andy Barrie - was attended by a crowd of nearly 2,000 people whose delight for the orchestra's performance of Tchaikovsky's fourth Symphony and a host of Latin American works came close to raising the roof in their demand of multiple encores. The concert was preceded by the presentation of The Eighth Glenn Gould Prize to Dr. Abreu by Glenn Morley, President of The Glenn Gould Foundation. The festivities continued with Toronto Mayor, David Miller presenting Maestro Dudamel with The Glenn Gould City of Toronto Protege Prize. In addition to their monetary prizes of \$50,000 and \$15,000 respectively, both Abreu and Dudamel received bronze statues of Glenn Gould, designed by artist, Ruth Abernethy, as well as framed pieces by sketch artist, Yuka Zuver. The evening show was preceded by an open rehearsal with Maestro Dudamel, as well as a pre-gala reception in the Jackman Lounge.



### BBC Radio & The Goldberg Variations (A note from Rosie Boulton, Producer)

"Dear members of the Glenn Gould Foundation,

I'm looking for people who have special stories to tell about their feelings for **Bach's Goldberg Variations** for a forthcoming BBC Radio programme. This programme will be broadcast in the Spring on BBC Radio.

I'm interested in finding people for whose lives have been touched or maybe changed by this music. People with a strong story to tell. Maybe they heard it at a very special time in their lives. And maybe they still have strong memories of this that they would be willing to share on the Radio.

Have Bach's Goldberg Variations played a special part in your life? If so, perhaps you could get in touch with me.  
With thanks"

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### Continued... Highlights from Celebration of Music Week



### October 27: Educational & Community Outreach Concerts

As part of their 4-day residency in Toronto, members of the SBYOV - one of the top-ranked orchestras in the world, whose players are all under the age of 25 - visited 9 schools and 5 community venues across the GTA where they performed and spoke about music to nearly 5,000 students for a total of 14 concerts. Schools visited included Sir William Osler, Harbord CI, Sir John A Macdonald, Silverthorn CI, Sir Oliver Mowat, Central Commerce, North Albion, Earl Haig, and Humberstone. Community venues visited included Dixon Hall, Sketch, University Settlement House (Music Gallery), Regent Park School of Music (St. Cyril Church), and Miles Nadal JCC.

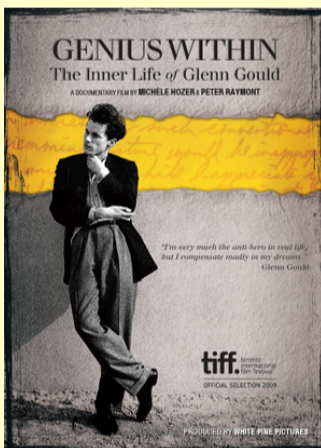
### October 29: Rogers Centre Student Concert



In an unprecedented event at Rogers Centre, 12,000 students from schools across the province of Ontario were bused in for a once in a lifetime performance of the SBYOV. A climactic finale to The Celebration of Music Week, the performance offered students an opportunity not only to hear exceptional performances of master works of the classical repertoire, but also - and perhaps more importantly - to witness such an artistic creation emerging from the instruments of young people their own age, who, as citizens of a country where 33% of the population live in poverty, have used music as a means of social change. Overflowing with youth, vitality, adrenalin and intensity, the SBYOV is a family who also happens to be "the world's hottest orchestra." Ontario students in attendance were out of their seats, dancing to the music of their peers, exhibiting the same magnetism towards the performers as at a rock concert. In true SBYOV fashion, members of the orchestra concluded their performance by hurling their signature red, blue and yellow Venezuelan athletic jackets to the crowd of frenetic youngsters who could be seen awaiting their buses outside, clutching their prizes and teeming with enthusiasm over the power of music and the potential of youth.

(Photos from The Celebration of Music Week courtesy of Eric Overton.)

### Recent and Upcoming Screenings of *Genius Within: The Inner Life of Glenn Gould*



Having premiered at the Toronto International Film Festival in September, Peter Raymont and Michele Hozer's brilliantly conceived documentary, *Genius Within: The Inner Life of Glenn Gould* is now being screened at various theatres across Canada. For more information, please visit <http://glenn Gouldmovie.com/>

Want to learn more about the Venezuelan musical miracle known as *El Sistema*?? Visit the website for **FESNOJIV** (National System of Youth and Children Orchestras of Venezuela):



<http://www.fesnojiv.gob.ve/en/tours/684-abreu-recibio-maximo-reconocimiento-canadiense-artes-.html>

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