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## Trio Zukan to perform in Montreal

- **The trio will perform a programme of Basque and Canadian compositions with the Quasar Saxophone Quartet.**
- **The cultural exchange project continues in November with a concert during the Musikagileak Contemporary Music concert series.**

The Basque chamber music ensemble Trio Zukan will offer a concert with the Canadian Quasar Saxophone Quartet at the historic Chapel of the Good Shepherd in Montreal on October 20. The event is part of the Saison Québec - Pays Basque 2021-2022 cultural exchange project, promoted by the Etxepare Basque Institute.

The musical exchange was due to begin in March 2020 but was set back to the end of 2021 due to the pandemic. The saxophone quartet and the accordion, percussion and txistu trio will finally play in Montreal this Wednesday. Promoted by the Etxepare Institute, the artistic project blends the work of the Basque and Canadian ensembles and composers.

The aim of the Saison Québec - Pays Basque programme is to showcase contemporary Basque culture and art in Quebec and present the work of Québec artists and performers in the Basque Country. Within this framework, the two ensembles will be offering a concert featuring works by Basque and Canadian composers on October 20. The Trio Zukan will perform with Mikel Chamizo and Zuriñe F. Gerenabarrena, and the Quasar Quartet will be playing with Bertrand Dubedout. The event will also feature two premieres.



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With the aim of promoting current work and creating fusions between the participating countries, both groups have commissioned works in their own countries, producing two new compositions, 'Quantum Statistical Zero-Knowledge' by Emilie Girard-Charest and 'Concerto grosso' by Miguel Matamoro, which blend the accordion, percussion and txistu with the saxophone for the first time.

The joint project continues in November 2021 with the trio and quartet offering a repeat performance of the Montreal concert in Vitoria-Gasteiz on November 15 during the Musikagileak Contemporary Music concert series. The concert will include the same programme of blended work by the Basque and Canadian ensembles.

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