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JUGGLING THE BEST ACT FOR THE RIGHT PRICE FOR THEIR STAGES

T'CHA DUNLEVY GAZETTE MUSIC CRITIC

"Now is the time when we stop dreaming," said Laurent Saulnier, vice-president of programming at the Montreal International Jazz Festival and Les FrancoFolies.

As we sat in his downtown office recently, Saulnier showed me a chart of his dreams – a grid filled with an impressive and eclectic roster of music talent from around the globe. It was the tentative schedule of indoor programming for this year's jazz fest, subject to change.

Most of the names cannot be repeated here – either because they have not been confirmed or, if they have, Saulnier didn't want to spoil the surprise.

"Until now, there have been a lot of discussions," he said, "but now we have to confirm. It's great to talk, but let's talk reality – if you can't confirm Salif Keita in the next 10 days, too bad. We move to the next call."

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