



Les Petits Chanteurs du Mont-Royal

Directed by Gilbert Patenaude

United States East Coast - 2016 Concert Tour

10 concerts, 15 days, 45 young singers

Montreal, May 31st 2016 - *Les Petits Chanteurs du Mont-Royal* are setting off on a concert tour down the United States East Coast, from June 25th to July 9th. The choir will travel through several of the coast's major cities, including Boston, New York, Philadelphia, and Washington (D.C.).

This summer's tour celebrates *Les Petits Chanteurs du Mont-Royal's* 60th anniversary. Founded in 1956 by Father Léandre Brault, the choir has long been an important player on Montreal's musical scene, and is one of the country's finest examples of boys' choir schools, a European tradition that dates back to the 6th century.

Musical Director Gilbert Patenaude has been at the helm of *Les Petits Chanteurs du Mont-Royal* for the last 38 years. This East Coast tour will be his farewell tour: M. Patenaude is retiring this year, after a long musical career that helped bring the love of music to more than 1,000 choristers.

As they travel the East Coast, *Les Petits Chanteurs du Mont-Royal* will be hosted by local choirs - *Youth pro Musica* (Boston, MA), *Chorus Angelicus* (Torrington, CT), the *Savio Boys Choir* and the *Sacred Heart of Jesus Church Choir* (Philadelphia, PA), the *Mennonite Children's Choir* (Lancaster, PA), and the *Damascus United Methodist Church Choir* (Damascus, MD). They will also perform at St. Patrick's Cathedral (Manhattan) in New York and at the Cathedral of Saint Matthew the Apostle in Washington DC.

Tour concerts will feature sacred repertoire from Canadian composers Ruth Watson Henderson, Claude Vivier, and the choir's own Gilbert Patenaude, as well as music from American composer Charles Ives, and from the Renaissance era's old masters - Hassler, Victoria, Josquin des Prés. Concerts will also include secular music from American composer Samuel Barber and Brazilian composer Heitor Villa-Lobos, as well as a collection of 6 songs arranged by Gilbert Patenaude, under the title *Un Voyage en Amérique française*.

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Free Short Concert at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter & Paul

Friday, July 1, 2016

12:35 PM

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