



CAPELLA REGALIS CHOIRS

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Capella Regalis Announces Landmark Tour

Remarkable Nova Scotia choir heads west for the first time to Montreal, Ottawa, Kingston and Toronto

“It’s a bold adventure for us and we love carrying the Nova Scotia spirit to new audiences,” says choir director Nick Halley. “We are honoured by the invitations we’ve received in Quebec and Ontario, and it’s a total community effort to get us there, including donations from many supporters – all very emotional.”

Capella Regalis was founded and is directed by world renowned percussionist and choral director Nick Halley. In addition to being an outstanding choir enjoyed by Nova Scotia audiences, it trains young people to sing through mentorship and professional performance experiences, and part of this is they have the opportunity to perform with professional choristers of all ages. The 125 children in its free weekly programs in Halifax and Lunenburg sing a broad range of music, from Gregorian Chant to masterworks of the Baroque era, as well as commissions by contemporary composers.

Former Nova Scotia Lieutenant Governor the Honourable Mayann Francis notes that this tour is important. “It’s a proud moment for the Province and the next step in national recognition for a unique musical organization.”

Nova Scotian music legend Anne Murray supports the Choir, “There is no better experience than group singing. I heartily support Capella Regalis and all that they do,” she says.

In May, the sound of Nova Scotia comes to music festivals and presenting venues in Montreal, Ottawa, Kingston and Toronto with a select group of 26 Capella Regalis choristers from eight years old to professional adult singers. Their *Sea Songs and Sacred Anthems* tour program is a mix of classical and distinctly Maritime music reflecting the deep ties of Maritime communities to the sea, drawing on themes of naval and fishing expeditions, historical events, and folklore.

Pieces unique to Capella Regalis include new arrangements for choir, piano, organ and percussion by five-time Grammy Award-winning Canadian composer and keyboardist Paul Halley, who will join his children Nick and Vanessa (directors of the choirs) and the tour ensemble as keyboard accompanist.

“This is the choir’s first tour outside of the Maritimes. We love visiting our Maritime communities, and this is an exciting opportunity for the choir to experience performing in major urban centres, as well as being on the road together in less familiar territory,” says Board Chair Barbara Butler, a Nova Scotian musician and recipient of the Order of Canada.

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TOUR ITINERARY



Friday, May 22	19:30h Festival Classica, MONTREAL Concert “Sea Songs & Sacred Anthems” at L’Église Sainte-Famille, Boucherville
Sunday, May 24	11:00h Saint Joseph’s Oratory, MONTREAL Morning Mass, in collaboration with <i>Les Petits Chanteurs du Mont-Royal</i> 18:00h Caelis Academy, OTTAWA Choral Evensong, in collaboration with <i>Caelis Academy</i> at St. Matthew’s Church, Ottawa
Monday, May 25	19:30h Music and Beyond, OTTAWA Concert “Sea Songs & Sacred Anthems” at St. Matthew’s Church, Ottawa
Tuesday, May 26	18:15h Christ Church Cathedral, OTTAWA Choral Evensong, in collaboration with <i>Christ Church Cathedral Men & Boys and Cathedral Girls Choir</i>
Wednesday, May 27	19:00h Saint George’s Cathedral, KINGSTON Choral Evensong
Thursday, May 28	19:00h Saint George’s Cathedral, KINGSTON Concert “Sea Songs & Sacred Anthems”
Saturday, May 30	19:30h St. Martin-in-the-Fields Church, TORONTO Concert “Sea Songs & Sacred Anthems”
Sunday, May 31	11:00h St. Martin-in-the-Fields Church, TORONTO Guest Choir for morning service 16:30h Grace Church on-the-Hill, TORONTO Choral Evensong, in collaboration with <i>Grace Church on-the-Hill choirs</i>

