

American Celebration of Music in

# Montréal

*An exclusive concert series for performance ensembles*



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# An Exclusive Concert Series

Montréal's nearly four centuries of history have left an indelible mark on the vibrant character of this city. It was initially a French settlement, then a British stronghold, and today is the world's second-largest French-speaking city, behind Paris. It is the largest bilingual city in North America - just one symbol of the multitude of cultures that meet here. These many different cultural communities have contributed to the rich tapestry of food, music, arts and architecture one experiences when visiting.

Montréal is truly an experience: old world charm, French *joie de vivre* and a modern style all its own. When you and your tour group visits, you will be transported into the very heart of the Montréal experience.

The city also has an international reputation for creative excellence - not just in the traditional arts, but in state-of-the-art technology, multimedia, sound and film productions. The people of Montréal have a flair for the fantastic and an innate love of expression; it's no wonder the arts scene here is so rich and healthy!

The American Celebration of Music is a special annual performance-tour program, co-sponsored by local governments, music associations, community organizations, and tourist boards around the globe. In many countries this has developed into a prestigious, recognized, year-long concert-series festival. Recognition of this festival facilitates greater access to performance venues, official publicity, generally very successful concert arrangements, and the ability to touch local cultures in a way that may not be done through other affiliations. This equates to more meaningful musical and emotional experiences for participating performance ensembles.

Imagine a performance by your musicians in Notre-Dame Cathedral, St. Joseph's Oratory, Christ Church, or taking part in a clinic at McGill University! Your concert tour will truly be enriched with the surroundings of history, architecture, and beauty that is best experienced "first hand." Participation in the American Celebration of Music in Canada can make this happen for you and your touring ensemble!



# Sample Itinerary

## DAY ONE

Upon arrival into Montréal, meet your MCI Tour Manager, who will assist the group to the awaiting chartered motorcoach

Enjoy a Panoramic guided tour of Montréal including Old Montréal, Mont Royal, Jean-Drapeau Park (Saint Hélène and Notre-Dame Islands), site of 1967 World Fair, Expo 67. There you will see the beautiful floral park, the Gilles-Villeneuve Racetrack for the Formula 1 Canada Grand Prix, the Montréal Casino and La Ronde Amusement Park

Check-in to your hotel

Dinner included at the hotel, or nearby, and overnight

## DAY TWO

Breakfast at the hotel

Enjoy a guided tour at St. Joseph Oratory, the world's largest sanctuary dedicated to Saint Joseph. Located in the heart of Montréal, in the lush and historic Mount Royal district, this internationally renowned pilgrimage destination is steeped in history and culture. In 2004, on the 100th anniversary of its founding, it was declared a National Historic Site by the Canadian Government

Lunch, on own

***Performance or clinic as part of the American Celebration of Music in Canada\****

Afternoon guided tour of Notre-Dame Basilica. Notre-Dame Basilica is a masterpiece of Gothic revival architecture. Built between 1824 and 1829, the magnificent décor, in sculptured wood, paint and gold leaf captivates hundreds of thousands of visitors each year. Paintings, sculpture and stained-glass windows illustrate biblical passages and parish history of Montréal society

Dinner included, and overnight

## DAY THREE

Breakfast at the hotel

Morning visit to Montréal Tower Observatory for a unique view of the city  
Next, visit the Botanical Gardens and Insectarium.

Lunch, on own

***Performance or clinic as part of the American Celebration of Music in Canada\****

Farewell Dinner included, and overnight

## DAY FOUR

Breakfast at the hotel, followed by check-out

Transfer to the Montreal Airport for return flight home

***\*Subject to confirmation***

***This is a very flexible itinerary.*** Except for confirmed appointments and performances, the places of interest and the sequence of sightseeing might be changed if necessary or desirable. In the event of an unavoidable conflict in the performance and the sightseeing schedule, the concert schedule will prevail, and it may be necessary to exclude some sightseeing activities.

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*MCI made the trip planning experience (a part about which I was nervous as a new orchestra director) so easy and stress-free. I think they really understand the needs of performance groups and I appreciated the emphasis on performances and musical opportunities. On my students' end-of-year reflections, the trip was consistently one of the highlights of the year!*

**Veronica Allen, Orchestra Director**  
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## Standard Performance Tours in Montréal

**Tour 1            3 Nights / 4 Days**  
3 nights in Montréal

**Tour 2            4 Nights / 5 Days**  
2 nights in Montréal, 2 nights in Quebec City

**Tour 3            5 Nights / 6 Days**  
2 nights in Montréal, 3 nights in Quebec City

**Tour 4            6 Nights / 7 Days**  
3 nights in Montréal, 3 nights in Quebec City

*These and all other Standard Tours may be viewed on our website at [www.musiccelebrations.com](http://www.musiccelebrations.com).  
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