



Dear Friend of the Cathedral,

This past weekend we received 500 visitors during the seven hours when we were offering guided tours and an exhibition about the Cathedral's history and architecture as part of a city-wide event honouring **Montreal's religious heritage**. Thank you to the people who greeted our visitors, answered questions and gave guided tours.

We are now looking forward to Les journées de la culture, an even bigger event, at the end of September. Watch out for the posters created by Boran soon to appear on Facebook. We have a very full programme of art and music on Friday and Saturday illustrating the weekend's theme of building bridges, making connections. Jason McKechnie and Natasha Henderson have created the art exhibition "Vision" which will present works of contemporary professional artists living and working in Montreal, including artisans from the community of the Cathedral, all people, writes Jason, who actively participate in the life of their communities in addition to their artistic creation as writers, curators, educators, and more. This is a very exciting collaboration between the cathedral and the world outside our doors.

On Saturday there will be a series of workshops led by parishioners. Pre-registration is encouraged. Please sign up by contacting me in the cathedral office ann.elbourne@montrealcathedral.ca

Here's the programme:

11-12 am: **A demonstration of the organ** – and a chance to play it yourself if you're feeling brave – led by Nick Capozzoli

12- 1pm: **A collage workshop** – create a masterpiece under the guidance of Andrea Videtic

1pm – 2pm: Try your hand at **pottery making**. Phil Dutton, lead tenor in the choir and an instructor at the Visual Arts Centre in Westmount, will show you how to turn a lump of clay into something beautiful. His pots will be on display.

2pm – 3pm: **The Art of Tapestry is still alive in France**. Veronica McDermott will give an illustrated talk about the connection between medieval and modern tapestries in France.

Boran Zaza has organized **two concerts, one on Friday, one on Saturday**:

Friday, September 27 at 7:00 pm performance by pianist **Milena Trifonova**, featuring works by Chopin and Liszt.

Saturday September 28 at 4:00 pm a concert program by **Ensemble Tessela** titled "**D'ailleurs à aujourd'hui**" - "**Then & now**" - a program which includes selections of traditional Egyptian, Mediterranean, Baroque, and Quebecois music as well as a medley of liturgical Jewish music.

Carlos is recruiting volunteers to be greeters, watchers and counters during these two days. He eagerly awaits your help!

Vivian and Adrian are also looking for help that same weekend, on Sunday when we focus once again on being a cathedral church. Volunteers are needed to help serve **the end of the month lunch** which offers a delicious meal to people in need (Adrian). Volunteers are also needed to set up, serve and clear away the **reception after the Ordination** at 4 pm. (Vivian) The Ordination will be an emotional event as the candidates include former parishioners Joel Amis to be ordained priest and Tyson Røsborg to be ordained deacon.

Moving closer in time, we're looking forward to welcoming The Rev'd Dr Deborah Meister into the cathedral family as our **new Associate Priest** this Sunday. You can read all about her impressive career on the cathedral website www.montrealcathedral.ca Sadly, at the 10:30 am service we will also be saying goodbye to Gwenda Wells and Ben Stuchbery.

We also welcome our **new organ scholar**, Ethan Hill, a native of Calgary, Alberta, who studied piano and composition at the University of Victoria (B.Mus. 2019) and currently studies organ with Hans-Ola Ericsson at McGill University. Ethan is a composer and keyboardist. He says that he is "inspired by the relationship between nature and perception as well as various schools of music ranging from the pre-baroque to today. His most recent compositions search for a collaboration between natural and human phenomena." With these ideas in mind he is doing active research in several areas including music theory, acoustics, theology and metaphysics. Jonathan, Nick and Ethan – what an exciting trio of musicians! Jonathan has created a schedule of music for all the choral services during September which you can pick up at the back of the church. He plans to do this each month. It's impressive to see what a wide range of music is performed by our choir and organists. As always at the start of a new academic year the choir is recruiting singers. Please speak to Jonathan.

Later this Sunday, the **cathedral's book group** will meet at 7 pm in Diana's house to discuss *The Organist* by Mark Abley. Mark will join us for the discussion. You are invited to join us to listen to the discussion even if you haven't yet read Mark's book. Speak to Ann or Diana. Our October book will be *Washington Black* by Esi Edugyan.

Forum will meet next Tuesday, September 17 at 6:30 pm in the St Anselm Chapel on the second floor of Cathedral Place. Light, non-alcoholic refreshments will be served from 6 pm (Small donation requested to cover the cost). The meeting is open to all members of the congregation. Do come and learn what is happening at the cathedral and participate in the discussions. Lisa Middlemiss will be making a presentation about Fair Trade. Elected members are requested to send their regrets if they are unable to attend.

There is **good news** about Dorothy who has been in our prayers for several months. She has been moved from the Neuro into the Julius Richardson Convalescent Hospital, 5425 Bessborough. She would enjoy having visitors

CPR First Aid course has been arranged for vergers and clergy with a few places available for cathedral members on Saturday October 19, 1:00 – 5:00 pm in Fulford Hall. Cost per person: \$65(taxes included). Included in the course with hands-on practice will be CPR for children and adults, AED (Automated External Defibrillator), choking, severe allergies with application of the EPI PEN. The course will also cover signs of heart attacks and strokes, and important points on healthy living. Participants will get a certificate issued by the Heart & Stroke Foundation of Canada. Please contact Ann Elbourne if you want to attend the course ann.elbourne@montrealcathedral.ca

The Cathedral has worked quite closely with Paul Clark, director of **Action réfugiés Montreal (ARM)**, particularly when we were planning to sponsor a family from the Middle East, so some of us might want to attend a pre-election **panel discussion** with guest speakers on the topic of ensuring justice for people who are refugees, at 6 pm on Wednesday, October 2 at St Jax. Please see the poster on their Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/events/512445266160331/>

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