



CAPELLA REGALIS

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MEN AND BOYS CHOIR

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Dear Friend of Capella Regalis,

June 21, 2016

It is true: one of our boys auditioned, got in, and became a chorister with the Vienna Boys' Choir in March. Max Freer, a chorister in Capella Regalis for the last two years, turned 10 years old on the plane to Vienna, where he is now happily ensconced in the VBC.

It is also true that in April the boys of Capella Regalis got to perform with the Chapel Choir in Claudio Monteverdi's *Vespers* of 1610. For the first time ever in the Maritimes, this astonishing work was performed to packed-out audiences in Antigonish, Lunenburg, and Halifax. The following weekend those same boys performed with the Nova Scotia Youth Orchestra and The King's Chorus in a Night at the Opera, where they were featured in Bizet's *Carmen*.

And it is true that the choir of men and boys from Ottawa's Christ Church Cathedral came to visit us in May. All 70 of them, singers and chaperones, descended upon Halifax for a weekend of music and merriment with Capella Regalis.

All of this, in the midst of our usual weekly service schedule that went into April, a wedding at the Cathedral, an early May stint of 10 school shows where we sang for over a thousand school children, and now our tour of Cape Breton and eastern Nova Scotia (see our list of venues and dates below), would almost seem to be *too much*. But if you were to talk to any of the boys, the young men (former boy choristers who have taken up positions in the men's section), or the old men like myself, they would tell you it isn't too much. It just seems too good to be true.



Evensong at All Saints Cathedral, Halifax on May 22, 2016
Capella Regalis and the men & boys of Christ Church Cathedral, Ottawa
Photo by Vanessa Halley



Capella Regalis boys sing from the balcony at St John's Church, Lunenburg, in the Monteverdi Vespers on April 16, 2016
Photo by Béatrice Schuler

By all accounts, Max is having a great time over in Vienna, preparing for the summer touring season. The weekend with the Christ Church Cathedral Choir (Canada's flagship Anglican men and boys choir) was a seminal moment for us. I will never forget the grand procession of two men and boys choirs in their red cassocks and white surplices, wending their way up to the choir stalls of our beautiful All Saints Cathedral

here in Halifax to sing that epitome of ceremonious choral works – Parry’s “I Was Glad”. If you had told me one year ago that I’d be seeing that sight I would not have believed you. (We had an indescribably wonderful time with them, operating as a group of 100 for the weekend!)

But it’s the sheer amount of stunning music that has entered the ears, minds, and souls of our young choristers over the last few months that is astounding, if you think about it. And it is all made possible by your generosity. As we look ahead to our 2016-17 season, I hope you will continue your marvelous support of Capella Regalis. It is a gift that will continue to bear fruit for a long time.

With gratitude,



Nick Halley
Artistic Director

CAPELLA REGALIS SUMMER TOUR 2016
Presented by Musique Royale

Baddeck: Thursday, June 23 at 7:30 p.m., Greenwood United Church

Tickets \$20 reg / \$10 stu

Available at 902-295-3273, at Blue Heron Gift Shop (Baddeck), and at Greenwood United Church Office; tickets also sold at the door

Chéticamp: Friday, June 24 at 7:30 p.m., Paroisse Saint-Pierre

Free-will offering; tickets at the door only

Glace Bay: Saturday, June 25 at 7:30 p.m., St Anne’s Church

Tickets \$20 reg / \$10 stu

Available at 902-849-6826 (St Anne’s Church), and at the door

Iona: Sunday, June 26 at 3:00 p.m., Malagawatch Church, Highland Village Museum

Tickets \$20 reg / \$10 stu

Available at 902-725-2272 (Highland Village Museum), and at the door

Lake Charlotte: Tuesday, June 28 at 7:00 p.m., Memory Lane Heritage Village

Tickets \$20 reg / \$10 stu

Available at www.heritagevillage.ca / 1-877-287-0697, and at the door.

Halifax: Wednesday, June 29 at 7:00 p.m., Cathedral Church of All Saints

Tickets \$20 reg / \$10 stu

Available at www.tickethalifax.com / 902-422-6278, and at the door

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