

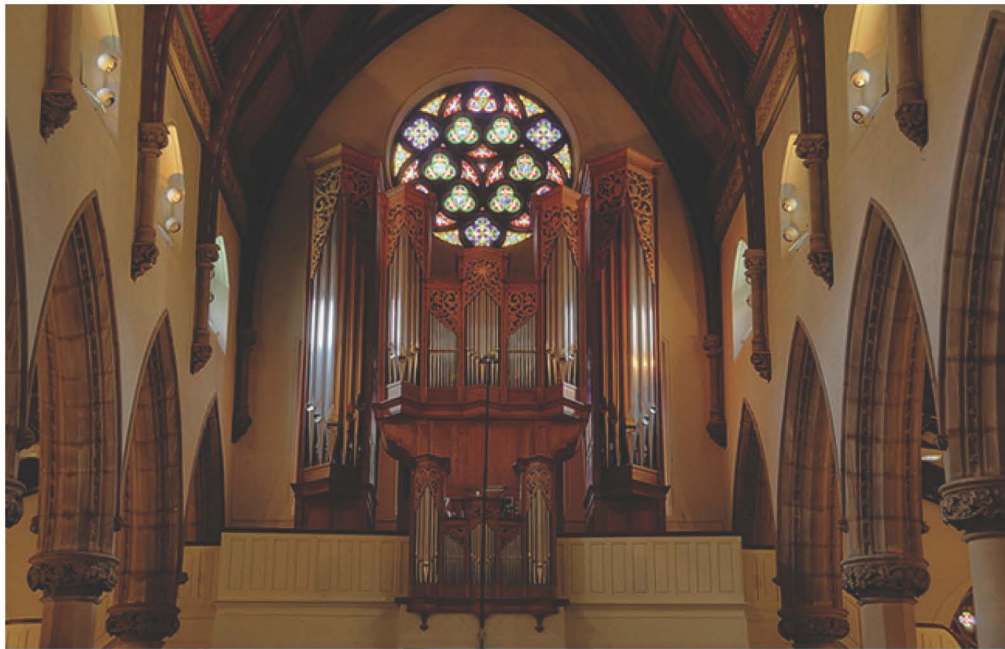
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The Organ of Christ Church Cathedral, Montreal. Photo: Supplied.

Montréal

Only a two-hour drive from Ottawa is the city of Montréal, the largest city in the Canadian province of Quebec. Originally called Ville-Marie, or "City of Mary", it is named after Mount Royal, the triple-peaked hill located in the heart of the city. As of 2011, the greater Montreal area had a population 1.8 million and is the second largest city in Canada. French is the city's official language and is the language spoken at home by 57% of the population.

Dubbed 'Canada's Cultural Capital', in 2006 Montréal was named a UNESCO City of Design. Historically the commercial capital of Canada, it was surpassed in population and economic strength by Toronto in the 1970s. Today it remains an important centre of commerce, aerospace, finance, pharmaceuticals, technology, design, culture, tourism, film and world affairs.

Montréal's Christ Church Cathedral is an Anglican Gothic Revival church and the seat of the Anglican Diocese of Montréal. It is situated on top of the Promenades Cathédrale underground shopping mall and in 1999 it was designated a National Historic Site of Canada. The Cathedral has two choirs - a Choir of Men and Trebles (boys and girls) and The Cathedral Singers, a choir of mixed adult voices both under the baton of Director of Music, Patrick Wedd. NZ Youth Choir will perform two short concerts in the cathedral on the afternoon of Saturday, 30 November.

Over the months April to November 'Fine Tune' is previewing the New Zealand Youth Choir's 2013 tour of the USA & Canada (21 November to 11 December) with photographs and information about the venues in which NZYC will perform. The Choirs Aotearoa NZ Trust and members of the NZ Youth Choir have to raise over \$300,000 to fund this project; if you would like to help, ring 04 499 0692 or email choirs@choirsnz.co.nz to get an information sheet. Information is also downloadable from [our website](#).

Mozart Requiem in Auckland

Canadian conductor Bernard Labadie leads the Auckland Philharmonia and Voices New Zealand Chamber Choir in a performance of Mozart's Requiem on Thursday, 12 September 2013 at 8pm in Auckland Town Hall. Labadie, heralded as a Classical and Baroque specialist, is the music director of the acclaimed early-music group *Les Violons du Roy*. He will be joined by soloists Nicole Car *soprano*, Sarah Castle *mezzo soprano*, Paul McMahon *tenor* and Stephan Loges *baritone*.

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Sing Aotearoa

The New Zealand Choral Federation has announced that the New Zealand Youth Choir will be in residence at Sing Aotearoa over Labour Weekend 25 to 28 October this year.

Sing Aotearoa is New Zealand's premier forum for choral music and this year sees its sixth appearance since its debut in 1990. NZYC will give a workshop on Saturday, 26 October and perform in a concert in the Rotorua Energy Events Centre the following evening.

Please [click here](#) for further information.

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