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Christ Church Cathedral, Ottawa. Photo: Supplied.

Ottawa

It's a five-hour coach trip up the highway from Toronto to Ottawa, the New Zealand Youth Choir's next stop on its tour of the USA and Canada.

Ottawa is the capital of Canada and the fourth largest city in the country. In 1857 Queen Victoria was asked to choose a common capital for the 'Province of Canada', and she chose Ottawa mainly because it was neutral ground between the two main centres of Toronto and Quebec City. A thriving international technology and business centre and world class tourism and convention destination, Ottawa is also rich in culture and heritage with its many national institutions, parklands, waterways and historic architecture.

Christ Church Cathedral is located in the northwest section of the city's downtown at the western end of Sparks Street at the top of a promontory looking down to the Ottawa River. It has a proud music tradition and, founded in 1896, the Choir of Men and Boys serves the ministry of the Cathedral in equal partnership with the Girls' Choir. It is one of the few remaining choirs of men and boys in North America, and the only such resident choir in a Canadian Anglican cathedral. The NZ Youth Choir will perform in Christ Church Cathedral on Friday, 29 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. This is also downloadable from [our website](#).

Fund-Raiser

Following a recording for TVNZ's 'Praise Be'* and a concert in the Banquet Hall, Parliament on the two previous days, the NZ Youth Choir's 'Fund-Raiser' on Wednesday, 3 July brought in a total of \$7,000 towards the International Tour Fund. Thank you to all who made donations.

** Three items from this recording ('By and By', 'Steal Away' and 'View me Lord') will be broadcast on 'Praise Be' at 7.00am on 18 August 2013.*

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*. The programme also includes a performance of Haydn Cello Concerto No. 1 in C major performed by Alban Gerhardt.

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