

Gilbert Patenaude became musical director and choirmaster of *Les Petits Chanteurs du Mont-Royal* in 1978, after completing his musical studies at the *Conservatoire de musique du Québec*, in Montreal, and after traveling to Nice (France) and Hilversum (Netherlands) for advanced musical training. For the last 38 years he has been dividing his time between composition and musical direction.

Gilbert Patenaude also devotes a great deal of energy to composition. He has been a key figure on Quebec's musical scene for over 40 years, producing numerous arrangements and orchestrations, and composing many original works, including two operas. Under his direction, *Les Petits Chanteurs du Mont-Royal* have produced many recordings, among which, *Pax Caelestis* (2009), *Ave Maria* (2012) and most recently, *Widor-Vierne: Messes pour chœurs et orgues* (2015).

At the end of the 2016 American East Coast tour, which celebrates the 60th anniversary of *Les Petits Chanteurs du Mont-Royal*, Mr. Gilbert Patenaude will retire after thirty-eight years of loyal service to the education of no fewer than 1000 young choristers.

Les Petits Chanteurs du Mont-Royal choir was founded in 1956 by Father Léandre Brault, c.s.c. Inspired by the great European tradition of boys' choir schools dating back to the 6th century, the choir has spent the last 60 years giving children the gift of music, while also fulfilling a mission – to embellish religious ceremonies at St. Joseph's Oratory of Mount-Royal (Montreal, Canada) with the singing of sacred choral music.

Over the years, the choir has had the opportunity to perform across the world. They have traveled to Korea, Venezuela, the Czech Republic, Spain, Austria, France, Italy, Germany, Denmark, and the United States. In 2016, as they celebrate their 60th anniversary, *Les Petits Chanteurs du Mont-Royal* will tour the East Coast of the United States, performing in Boston, Torrington, New York, Philadelphia, Lancaster, Damascus and Washington, D.C.

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Les Petits Chanteurs du Mont-Royal

Directed by Gilbert Patenaude

East Coast Concert Tour – Summer of 2016

10 concerts, 15 days, 45 young singers



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