

Henry Leck & Joshua Pedde



Montreal Choral Festival

co-conductors
Henry Leck & Joshua Pedde
Quebec City extension tour

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Welcome to Montreal!

I am pleased to invite you to join me for a very exciting Festival in Montreal, Canada during the summer of 2018. Immersed in the French Canadian culture, Montreal is the second largest French speaking city in the world! It's a place of incredible tradition and a wonderful location for a festival.

It's amazing to me that you can travel 370 miles north of New York City or 307 miles north of Boston and be in a French speaking city located in a foreign country.

These are times when choirs tend to be looking for affordability as well as safety in their tour experience. Here you can have that...plus an international tour and a high quality musical experience. Plus, it is very convenient to get to Montreal. I have noticed there are direct flights from most major American cities.

This festival is created to allow for individual concerts, combined concerts, the comradery of festival rehearsals, a gala concert and the joy of singing for international audiences.

Join us for this incredible opportunity to make great music together!

Henry Leck

Artistic Director & Co-Conductor

Klconcerts Distinguished Music Advisor



Dear friends

I am delighted to have been invited to co-conduct the 2018 choral festival in Montreal with Henry Leck.

I know that all choir directors look for touring experiences that are safe, represent great value and which offer wonderful musical opportunities in a cultural context different to their choir's home environment. While some of my colleagues look for festival settings others prefer custom tours. I believe this festival offers the best of both worlds with 2 three-hour rehearsals, a dress rehearsal and the gala concert. The rest of the touring time is yours to plan with Klconcerts along with additional performances as desired.

I am excited to again share the podium with my friend and colleague, Henry Leck. We look forward to welcoming you in Montreal for a musical experience second to none. We will celebrate the French culture of this great North American city together creating great music that honors every singer and entralls the audience.

Je vais vous voir à Montréal.

Joshua Pedde

Artistic Director & Co-Conductor



HENRY LECK

**Founder and Conductor Laureate -
Indianapolis Children's Choir**

**Professor Emeritus - Choral Music
- Butler University**

An internationally recognized choral director, Henry Leck is a professor emeritus in choral music at Butler University, where he served on the faculty for 27 years. He is the Founder and Conductor Laureate of the Indianapolis Children's Choir and Indianapolis Youth Chorale. His choirs have performed regularly for national ACDA, MENC, OAKE and AOSA

Conferences. Mr. Leck has conducted Mixed, Men's, Women's, Junior High and Children's All-State choirs and festival choirs in nearly every state. He is a frequent conductor of regional and national honor choirs, including the ACDA Southern, Southwest, North Central, Central, Western and Northwest Honors Choirs. In the spring of 2003, he conducted the ACDA National Junior High/Middle School Honor Choir in New York City and in 2011, the ACDA National Children's Honor Choir in Chicago. On three occasions he has conducted National Honor Choirs for OAKE. Mr. Leck recently arranged and conducted the national anthem for Kelly Clarkson and the Indianapolis Children's Choir at the Super Bowl XLVI. Mr. Leck has conducted annually at Carnegie Hall for nearly 30 years and conducts internationally every year. He teaches and conducts regularly in China, Brazil, and throughout Europe. He is a member of the World Choir Council and often is on the international jury of choral events.

Mr. Leck has received many honors including the Sagamore of the Wabash and the State of Indiana Distinguished Hoosier Award from the Governor of the state of Indiana. He has received the Indiana Governor's Arts Award which is the highest honor one can receive in the arts in Indiana. Recently Mr. Leck was named a recipient of the "Lowell Mason Fellows Award" which is the highest award given by the NAfME. He also recently received the "Indiana Living Legend" award from the Indiana Historical Society.

Mr. Leck is widely known as a specialist in choral techniques at all levels, Dalcroze Eurhythmics, Laban, the child's voice and the boy's changing voice. He has produced four teaching DVDs titled *Vocal Techniques for the Young Singer*, *The Boy's Expanding Voice: Take the High Road*, *Creating Artistry through Movement*, *Dalcroze Eurhythmics and Creating Artistry with the Male Maturing Voice*. He was a lead author for the choral textbook series published by McGraw Hill/Glencoe titled *Experiencing Choral Music* and is the lead author of a new series of textbooks entitled *Voices in Concert*. He is also the editor of two nationally known choral series published by Hal Leonard Corporation and Colla Voce, Inc. He has written a textbook titled, *Creating Artistry through Choral Excellence*. Mr. Leck received his training from the University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point, the University of Colorado and Indiana University.



JOSHUA PEDDE

Artistic Director - Indianapolis Children's Choir

Joshua Pedde is the artistic director of the Indianapolis Children's Choir (ICC), one of the largest and most respected children's choir programs in the world. In 2016 he made his Carnegie Hall debut conducting ICC's most advanced treble choirs. During his sixteen years with the ICC, Mr. Pedde has been instrumental in growing the ICC's *Innovations* program which provides free music education workshops to public and private schools throughout central Indiana. In addition to conducting advanced treble choirs, Josh is also the artistic director of the Anderson Area Children's Choir and Youth Chorale.

Mr. Pedde is a frequent conductor and clinician throughout the United States. He has conducted the LCMS Worship Institute Children's Choir, both the WELS National Worship Convention Festival and Children's Choirs, numerous Circle the State with Song festivals, the American Hymn Society, the National Conference of Pastoral Musicians, the National Disciples of Christ Conference, American Choral Directors Association (ACDA) all state choirs in Kentucky, Mississippi, and New Mexico, Indiana Music Education Association honor choir, and honor choirs and workshops throughout the United States. Mr. Pedde frequently acts as a consultant to churches on Liturgical Worship and Children's Choir.

In addition to conducting at Kennedy Center and Lincoln Center, Mr. Pedde was the backstage conductor for the premiere of the children's opera, *The Trio of Minuet*. He has conducted at numerous sporting events including the FINA World Swimming Championships, Indianapolis Fever basketball games, NCAA Women's Basketball Finals, the RCA Tennis Championships, the 2008 U.S.A. Olympic Diving Qualifications, the 2012 World Choir Games, and Super Bowl XLVI. He has prepared and conducted choirs in performances at the Vatican and Canterbury Cathedral, in Italy, Austria, Spain, Germany, Amsterdam, and Ireland.

Mr. Pedde serves at Cornerstone Lutheran Church, Fishers, as director of worship and organist. He is the music director of the Carmel Community Choir and Orchestra. Mr. Pedde serves as chair for the Consortium of Indiana Children's Choirs. He has received training and certification in Orff-Schulwerk, Kodály, and First Steps methods of teaching. Mr. Pedde was an elementary music teacher in the Zionsville Public School system for five year before joining the ICC as a full time conductor. From 2001-2005 Mr. Pedde founded and served as the Artistic Director of the Kokomo Youth Chorale, a non-profit musical organization for singers with changed voices from grades 6-12.

Mr. Pedde earned his bachelor of music degree in vocal music education and a master's degree in choral conducting from Butler University, where he was recognized for his outstanding work in elementary music and a DPM from Concordia University Chicago.



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MONTREAL FESTIVAL 2018

THURSDAY, JUNE 21

- Arrive Montréal
- Meet Klconcerts tour manager
- Introduction to Montréal
- Check in
- Dinner daily
- Overnight Montréal

FRIDAY, JUNE 22

- Breakfast (daily)
- Festival Choir rehearsal
- Guided tour of Montréal. Montréal is the second biggest French city in the world. The tour will pass by Old Montréal passing through a maze of streets and historic buildings taking you on a trip back in time for instance seeing Pointe-à-Callière, Jacques-Cartier Square, Place Royale, Place d'Armes, Sulpician Seminary, the Bank of Montréal, City Hall, Château Ramezay, the Notre-Dame-de-Bon-Secours Chapel and Bonsecours Market
- Tour Montréal's Notre-Dame Basilica, one of the crown jewels in Quebec's rich religious heritage
- Visit Mount Royal for a panoramic view of Montréal from the Belvedere
- Welcome dinner
- Overnight Montréal



PROGRAM



SATURDAY, JUNE 23

- Festival Choir rehearsal
- Continue to tour and explore Montréal
- **Option for individual concert (tbd)**
- Overnight Montréal

SUNDAY, JUNE 24

- Gala concert dress rehearsal
- Visit the Montréal Tower Observatory. A funicular-type elevator brings visitors to the top-three observation floors, where visitors have a unique view of Montréal from the Observatory located in the highest inclined tower in the world
- **Gala concert featuring the Combined Festival Choir**
- Overnight Montréal

MONDAY, JUNE 25

- Return home or depart for Quebec City

*** Itinerary subject to change.*

*** Confirmation of performances is dependent upon early receipt of performance information: biographies, pictures, recordings and repertoire*

QUEBEC CITY EXTENSION

MONDAY, JUNE 25

- Travel to Quebec City
- Check-in
- Walking guided tour of Old-Quebec. Quebec City is distinctively European; a place of mellowed stone buildings, horse-drawn carriages and narrow winding streets. Through a lively and informative tour you will see: Place d'Armes, the Basilica, City Hall, Parliament, Plains of Abraham, the Citadelle, Quartier Petit-Champlain and Place-Royale
- Overnight Quebec City



PROGRAM



TUESDAY, JUNE 26

- Guided tour of the Traditional Huron-Wendat site. This village, located in a natural environment, will enable you to familiarize yourself with the first nation's traditions, past and present
- Huron dance and song show
- **Performance (tbd)**
- Farewell dinner
- Overnight Quebec City

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27

- Transfer to the airport for your flight home

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