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## President's Message

DAVID LAFRANCHE

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**Ah** Summer! We can put away the dog sled and, for this year, rejoice that the rain is over and gone. As seasonal routines wind down, there is time to enjoy the 150th anniversary festivities and also to just sit and chat.

Canada 150 seems just a theme for this year's parties, a muted celebration compared to the great investment in culture, sports and recreation that changed daily life all across the country in 1967. New facilities were built, new institutions founded and old groups re-invigorated. Part of this may be a generally grumpy public mood, part may also be that we have come to accept, rather than celebrate, the fruits of that work of 50 years ago.

Perhaps there is something here to consider over the summer as our own Centre draws closer to its own Centennial (in 2021). There are many things to celebrate: stable membership and finances, and well-attended social and educational events. Our City hosts a number of well-maintained organs of excellent quality, and through the Pro Organo series and other initiatives we have the opportunity to hear them used by master performers. As demonstrated by the Great Bach Marathon, there are children and students of all ages eager to play the organ. Students who have left town for further training have returned and become the next generation of leaders in our churches and choirs.

Part of celebration is understanding the value of our College and our Centre to us as individual members. Our Centre, provides certification, education, social opportunities, and a voice in the wider cultural community. To serve the organ community, these services must remain relevant and maintain a public profile as society changes around us. Some notable signs this year: only a few of the organ students in town played at this year's Student Recital; there were no applicants for the Centre scholarships (other than the beginning organist scholarships); publicizing Pro Organo and other Centre events is becoming increasingly difficult as social media become the primary means of communications.

These are challenges, part of the work of any continuing group. At the AGM Your Executive will present proposals to encourage and support students and ensure the continuation of Pro Organo. Your support, through your time and skill, is essential to making these happen. Anything you can do as part of your regular activities to encourage students and others to join, or to inform others about the College and Centre and its work is equally important.

This is my last column as President. Thanks to everyone for their support, and to the 2015-2017 Executive for their hard work on behalf of our Centre.



# RCCO Ottawa Centre Executive Slate 2017-2018

The following is the proposed slate of candidates for the RCCO Ottawa Centre Executive for 2016-2017 to be presented to the membership for approval at the RCCO Ottawa Centre's Annual General Meeting on June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church:

President: Sue Sparks  
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**Join us at our Annual General Meeting  
 on Monday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
 at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church (971 Woodroffe Ave.)**

**Refreshments at 7:00 pm with meeting to follow at 7:30 pm.**

This is your Centre. Our executive values your feedback. Come out and voice your opinions and ideas on what you'd like to have your Centre do. The Annual General Meeting of the Ottawa Centre is our opportunity to conduct the necessary business of the College, but also to celebrate the year past and look forward to the coming year.

We are pleased to announce that Rev. Dr. Mervin Saunders, our Centre Chaplain, will be recognized as the Member of the Year. Mervin has held the position of Chaplain since 2002. After these past 15 years of dedicated service, Mervin has decided to retire as our Chaplain. We wish Mervin and Helen the very best and thank you very much.

All members are encouraged to attend and participate in decision-making of your Centre and to hear reports of the various convenors and National Council representatives. There is plenty of parking and the room is air-conditioned.



## Member of the Year - Rev. Dr. Mervin Saunders

We are pleased to announce that Rev. Dr. Mervin Saunders will be recognized as the Ottawa Centre **Member of the Year** for 2017. Daniel has held the position of Professional Support for many years and has generously shared his time, expertise and support to many members of our Centre.

Merv was born in Brockville in 1939 and studied organ at St. John's Anglican Church, Prescott and Wall Street United Church, Brockville as a teenager. He earned degrees at Carleton University, Ottawa, McGill University, Montreal, and earned his doctorate at Northern Baptist Theological Seminary in Chicago. He served as pastor in nine churches before his retirement in 2005. When Pierre Trudeau was Prime Minister, Merv was the annual organist at the Parliamentary Prayer Breakfast in the Confederation Chamber on Parliament Hill. While serving a church in Edmonton, he served as the Assistant Provincial Carillonneur. He accompanied George Beverly Shea

during a crusade in Winchester. He considers that he has been very fortunate, indeed, to have enjoyed many privileges during his career.



He and his wife, Helen, now live in an apartment complex in Kanata and occasionally he plays for Sunday worship at a few churches. Mervin has been our Centre Chaplain for the past 15 years. He has attended many Centre Executive meetings and given the Executive many words of wisdom as well as delightful quips and anecdotes from his online searches as well as his experiences. Mervin has attended many Centre events with Helen and was the guest speaker at one of our Organist-Clergy dinners.

Mervin being both a pastor and musician brought his many talents to our organization. He is very supportive of the aims and goals of the RCCO and efforts of the Centre Executive. We will be giving Mervin the Member of the Year Award at our AGM on June 5<sup>th</sup> at the opening of the meeting at 7:30 pm. We hope you will attend to show appreciation for his contributions to our Centre and wish both he and Helen good health and good fortune in the future.



## Around Town

### Sunday, June 4, 2017, 7:30 p.m.

We conclude St. Luke's 2016-17 series featuring one of Ottawa's newest chamber choirs, Coro Capriccio. If it's warm, we're air conditioned. St. Luke's Church: 760 Somerset Street West (3 blocks west of Bronson Ave). Admission by donation. Info: [www.stlukesottawa.ca/connect/recital-series](http://www.stlukesottawa.ca/connect/recital-series), [music@stlukesottawa.ca](mailto:music@stlukesottawa.ca), Tel. (613) 235-3416.

### Saturday, June 24, 2017, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

*Moving Forward in Song*, a day with John

Bell. The morning session is entitled *The Future Without a Blueprint – What changes are Christians likely to face in the future and how will we cope with these changes in a positive way, given that most Christians are resistant to change?* In the afternoon John Bell will lead participants in *Songs that Matter – Churches don't normally sing about pastoral and political issues such as depression, aging, refugee issues, multi-faith societies.* Coffee, muffins and lunch are included in the registration cost - \$95.00 before April 30

and \$125.00 after April 30. Kanata United Church, 33 Leacock Drive. Registration form at the church website, [www.kuc.ca](http://www.kuc.ca) or call Kanata United at 613-592-5834. John L. Bell is an ordained minister of the Church of Scotland and a member of the Iona Community. A hymnwriter and liturgist, he lectures throughout the world encouraging renewal of worship at the grass roots level. All are welcome to attend worship at Kanata United on June 25, when John Bell will preach to help the congregation mark its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.



*Have a great summer!  
See you in September.*



# Matthieu Latreille Concert Review

SAMUEL LEE

I was very fortunate to be able to attend Matthieu Latreille's organ recital on May 26th at the magnificent hall of Chapelle de la Maison Mère des Soeurs de la Charité d'Ottawa.

The organist, Matthieu Latreille, is the director of music at Saint Thomas' Anglican Church in Belleville, Ontario, and an active performer in Canada, U.S.A. and in France.

Charles-Marie Widor's *Allegro* showcased the brilliant sound of the organ along with the amazing acoustics of the hall. The performer's crisp articulation enhanced the mixtures allowing the sound to resonate throughout the hall. A gentle undulating *Prélude et fugue* by André Fleury followed the virtuosic opening, featuring some of the most gorgeous and magical colours available to this organ, with driving confidence overflowing from the fugue.

Vierne's *Romance* once again featured a calm peaceful undulating accompaniment with a solo line floating above. Latreille played the piece with a serene peacefulness in his calm undulating accompaniment making a completely magical performance.

The following piece, Nadia Boulanger's *Prélude en fa mineur*, contained a contrasting and angular melody that gradually built into the next piece. The final piece before the intermission – *Prélude et fugue sur le nom d'Alain*, by Duruflé, a composer whose works Latreille worked on during his post graduate degree – showed off Latreille's brilliant, clean, and virtuosic playing with

the light and spritely opening, giving way to a bright and nostalgic melody.

The second half of the program began with *Choral-Improvisation sur le "Victimae paschali"* by Charles Tournemire. The bright start to the second half was followed by a gorgeous *Variations sur un theme de Clément Janequin* by Jehan Alain. This piece has gorgeous renaissance-like modal moments, a quality that was very different from the surrounding big pieces. The finishing selection, *Final* by Marcel Dupré was dramatic organ music at its best, with beautiful contrast, and a grandiose finish to this lovely concert. The organist demonstrated absolute finesse in letting

the final chords ring throughout the hall.

Latreille graced the audience's applause with a beautiful interpretation of Bach's *Sinfonia from Cantata no. 29*. The pedal work was light and graceful despite using reeds, imitating the spirited quality of a Baroque orchestra.

Throughout the entire concert, Matthieu Latreille demonstrated absolutely fantastic technical virtuosity. His overflowing confidence was very evident in this extremely polished performance. Latreille brilliantly took advantage of the hall's resonance with his articulation and choice of registration to create a clear, clean crisp, and majestic sound. Overall, a dazzling performance!



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# Organ Crawl to Pembroke

DONALD MARJERRISON

**O**n a brilliant Saturday morning of May 27th, seven members of the Ottawa Centre had a very pleasant day visiting four churches in nearby Pembroke. The day was beautiful so we walked to many of the churches. Our host and Ottawa Centre member Mark Moss, organized a delightful tour and we had plenty of time to play and hear the Casavant organs at Calvin United, St. Columbkille Cathedral and Holy Trinity Anglican Church.

At the end of the day, we visited Mark's church, Zion Evangelical United, which has a Rodgers Hybrid organ.



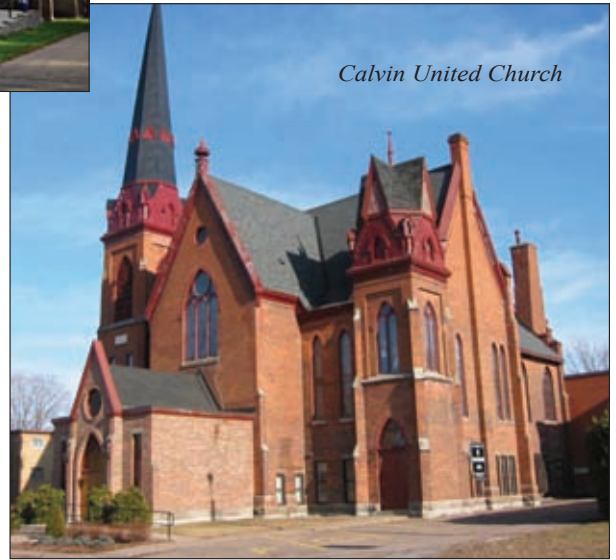
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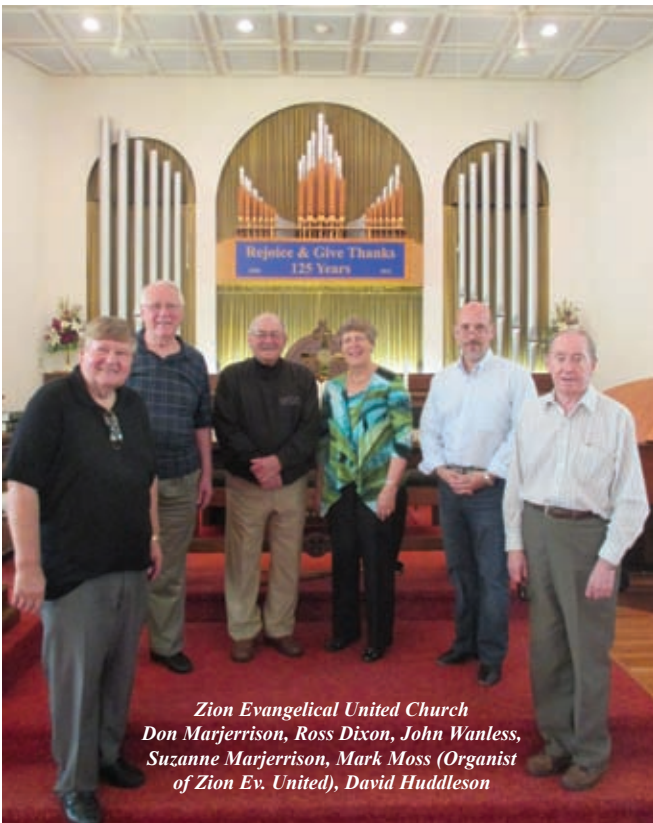
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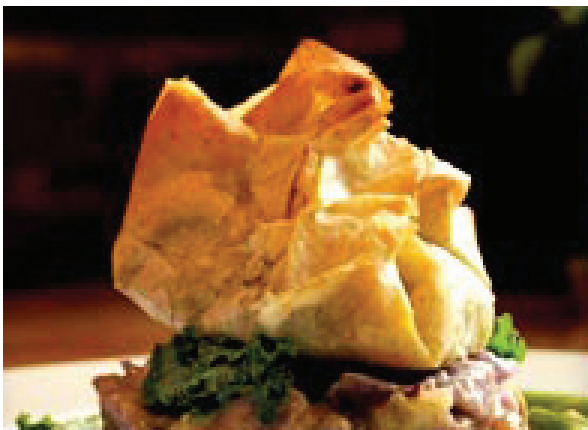


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# *RCCO Annual Organist – Clergy Dinner*



Monday October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017  
6:00 pm gather, 6:30 pm dinner

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Guest speaker:  
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