



Montreal Shira Choir Celebrates New Chapter of Inclusivity and Growth

Montreal, Tuesday, Aug. 29, 2023 - The Montreal Shira Choir, a beacon of unity and empowerment, is embarking on a remarkable journey of growth and inclusivity under the visionary leadership of Cantor Daniel Benlolo and the skillful management of Muriel Suissa. This inspiring phase of expansion reflects the choir's steadfast commitment to fostering inclusivity, diversity, and empowerment within the community.

Guided by the profound vision of Cantor Daniel Benlolo, the Montreal Shira Choir has become more than just a musical ensemble; it's a conduit for transformation and empowerment. Through the harmonious voices of its members, the choir paints a vibrant canvas where each individual's unique melody of strength comes to life.

"I am not only shaping musical melodies but also nurturing their spirits, fostering a sense of belonging, and creating an environment where every individual's uniqueness harmonizes beautifully. This experience fills me with a sense of purpose and joy that words can scarcely capture," shares Cantor Benlolo.

Michael, a participant, marvels at the choir's essence, saying, "I am struck by the purity of their souls and wonderful hearts. They have only love and goodness to share with the world. It's a privilege to sing with them as one voice and an honor to be their friend."

With a new home nestled within Decarie Square, the choir's expansion resonates with purpose. This creative haven boasts an inviting office, spacious rehearsal area, and a versatile auditorium poised to showcase their powerful live performances. The upcoming Ribbon-cutting ceremony on Tuesday, September 5, 2023, at 6:30 PM, stands as a symbol of the choir's growth and its unwavering commitment to the community it serves.

Rebecca, a dedicated volunteer, shares her passion, "Volunteering for the choir has become one of the great passions in my life. Being able to experience the power and joy these unique individuals convey to the world regularly is something I don't take for granted. I still get blown away on a weekly basis by their talent and 'joie de vivre'. They inspire me to be better and have given me a sense of purpose that I am forever grateful for."

The Montreal Shira Choir stands as a testament to the transformative potential of music. By welcoming voices from diverse backgrounds, including neurodivergent young adults, the choir weaves a tapestry of harmonies that celebrate the strength and uniqueness of every individual. The choir's renowned Music Therapy program has evolved to include Therapeutic and Social therapies, enriching the experience for its members.

"The Shira Choir becomes a canvas where every individual paints their unique melody of strength," says Cantor Benlolo.

The entire team of Decarie Square proudly added "We are thrilled to welcome the Montreal Shira Choir to Decarie Square. Their commitment to inclusivity and empowerment through music resonates with our values as a community-focused establishment. The choir's presence will undoubtedly enrich the vibrant atmosphere of our building, and we look forward to witnessing the transformative power of their performances within our walls.



Rhonda, another devoted volunteer, reflects on her experience, "The saying 'You get more than you give' absolutely applies when it comes to my volunteer experience with the Montreal Shira Choir. Whether at a weekly rehearsal, a performance, or a social activity, there is no better feeling than being with these wonderful people who exude joy, acceptance, and gratitude for having this choir in their lives. It is a privilege for me to be part of the Montreal Shira Choir, a truly transformative initiative."

Jonah Davis Yanofsky, a member of the choir, eloquently expresses, "This choir is a lifeline. Music transcends, and we, the members, are a living testament to its power."

As the crescendo of transformation echoes through the Montreal Shira Choir, it resounds with voices that embody the essence of unity, empowerment, and resilience. The grand Ribbon-cutting ceremony on Tuesday, September 5, 2023, at 6:30 PM, marks a pivotal moment in the choir's journey, as they continue to amplify their reach and create meaningful connections within the community.

For those seeking to be part of this transformative journey, the Montreal Shira Choir is open to all individuals (18+) with developmental or physical disabilities who share a passion for singing, group activities, travel, and public performances.

About the Choir:

The Montreal Shira Choir, a beacon of unity and empowerment, stands as a testament to the transformative potential of music. Guided by the visionary leadership of Cantor Daniel Benlolo and skillfully managed by Muriel Suissa, the choir has embarked on an inspiring journey of growth and inclusivity. By embracing voices from diverse backgrounds, the Shira Choir fosters an environment where neurodivergent young adults find their unique melodies of strength. With a vibrant new space in Decarie Square, including an inviting office, expansive rehearsal area, and a versatile auditorium, the choir is poised to weave new harmonies of connection within the community. Committed to their mission, the choir introduces innovative programs, enhancing their renowned Music Therapy initiative with Therapeutic and Social therapies. As they amplify their reach and put on more live shows, the Shira Choir's expansion echoes the resilience and joy that music ignites within each member.

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