

Cantabile Singers of Truro to perform at Carnegie Hall

The concert will take place on Saturday, March 15, at 8:30 PM at Stern Auditorium/Perelman Stage at Carnegie Hall in New York City.

Missa Pro Terra: A Mass for the Earth, a powerful new composition by composer **Paul A. Aitken**, will have its U.S. premiere at Stern Auditorium/Perelman Stage at Carnegie Hall on Saturday, March 15, 2025, at 8:30 PM with the New England Symphonic Ensemble (Preston Hawes, Artistic Director). This stirring choral and orchestral masterpiece, conducted by Aitken himself, will feature the **Cantabile Singers of Truro from Truro, NS, Canada** (Chris Bowman, Director) and acclaimed soloists, soprano Michele Sexton and baritone Eliam Ramos.

Aitken was inspired to write this work after witnessing devastating wildfires in Nova Scotia—one of the worst wildfire events in Canada's history. Fusing the Latin mass with personal reflections on the climate crisis,

the work blends urgency with hope, delivering a bold, urgent message about environmental consciousness, global unity, and humanity's responsibility in protecting the Earth.

"We are thrilled to showcase the exceptional talent of **Paul A. Aitken** on one of the world's most prestigious stages," said James E. Redcay III, Chief Executive Officer of MidAmerica Productions. "The invitation extended to the **Cantabile Singers of Truro** is a testament to the outstanding musicianship and dedication of their singers. We are proud to welcome them to perform as part of our 42nd season at Carnegie Hall."

The **Cantabile Singers of Truro** will be joined by four exceptional choirs from across North America: Centenary United Methodist Church, New Bern, NC (Paul Saik, Director), Lakeside Middle School Select Choir, Pompton Lakes, NJ (Dania Brantner, Director), North Perth Children's Choir, Listowel, ON, Canada

(Morgan Kuepfer, Director) and Pompton Lakes High School Choir, Pompton Lakes, NJ (Christopher Nappa, Director).

The participants will all spend five days and four nights in New York City in preparation for their concert. They will also spend nine to ten hours in rehearsal as well as touring New York City.

The concert program will also include:

- Indigenous and contemporary choral works, including Tapwe: Songs of Truth, Cory Campbell & Andrew Balfour's Ambe, Andrew Balfour's Vision Chant and Gaze Upon the Trees, Sherryl Sewepagam's Sleepy Song and Yôtin (The Wind), and Beverley McKiver's All That We Are. Conducted by Andrew Balfour, the program highlights themes of truth, nature, and gratitude, performed by the Amabile Choirs of London, Canada (Carol Beynon, Director).
- Randall Thompson's Frostiana: Seven Country Songs, set to the poetry of Robert Frost. Conducted by Jo Ann Miller, the performance brings together the North Dakota State University Chamber Choir and Alumni and the Wagner College Choir.
- Emily Crocker's "We Reach", Audrey Snyder's



Image courtesy Carnegie Hall, New York City

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"The Road Not Taken", and arrangements of Vincent (Starry Starry Night) by Mac Huff conducted by Cristi Miller. The performance showcases the Heritage Hall Middle School Chorus and Haysville Middle School Concert Choir.

TICKETS FROM \$25
For single tickets call **CarnegieCharge** at **212-247-7800** or visit **carnegiehall.org**.
The Box Office is located at **57th Street and Seventh Avenue**. For group sales of **10 or more**, contact **groupsales@carnegiehall.org** or call **212-903-9705**.

Welcome Sign
Will be located at each point of entry into the business park.

Business Sign Large
Will be located at the main entrance into the business park to identify key business for visitors.

Business Sign Small
Will be located at street entrance points to identify which business are located on said street.

Debert Business Park Getting New Signage

In November of 2024, Colchester issued an RFP for fabrication and installation of wayfinding and welcome signs in the Debert Business Park. The RFP was awarded to Auto Trim Design, Northeast Nova Ltd. Auto Trim Design's proposal met all bid criteria, and

aligned with the proposed project budget, \$75,000; \$25,000 funded through the Provincial Streetscape and Beautification Program, and \$50,000 approved as part of Colchester 2024-25 Operating Budget.

The signage project consists

of twenty new signs for the Debert Business Park, including welcome signs, wayfinding signage, district signs to identify key areas in the Debert Business Park, retrofits to existing signs, and a new large sign at the entrance to the business park. A

signage levy program has been developed where businesses can advertise their business at the entrance of the park.

The funds collected from the levy program will be used to maintain the signs in the park and make additions and changes as needed. Project completion is scheduled for April 30, 2025.

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1,071 Bags Compost Given to 357 residents

During the February 13 council committee meeting Phil Reddin, Director Solid Waste, presented his report. This section deals with the Compost Facility

Staffing: There is no compost staffing updates currently.

Production & Markets: The Fall Compost Giveaway went well in October with 99 residents attending to get their three free bags of compost. We also sold 119 extra bags and 74.92 metric tonnes of bulk compost last Fall to residents and contractors. In 2024 there was a total of 375 tonnes of bulk compost, 648 bags sold to residents and commercial customers. There was also a total of 1,071 bags given out to 357 residents during our two giveaway events.

Projects/Operations: Staff are working with a trucking contractor to have the compost material on the powerline that is earmarked to be used in the vegetative layer of cell capping project moved to an empty pit behind the landfill cell. This will move it to a closer location for the cell capping.

Staff will confirm the quantity of material that is in this area and determine if there is a need to source more organic material from other locations on site. Moving this material over the Winter will allow that area on the powerline to be reclaimed back to its native condition in the Spring rather than waiting until later in the Fall when the capping project is expected to finish.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Glooscap ATV Trail Riders Club, formerly the Colchester Five Islands Club is looking for Volunteers to sit on the board.

We currently have vacancies for vice president, secretary and trail coordinator. Please come out and support your local club.

Inquires can be sent to Tom Kennedy-tomandjude@eastlink.ca

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Council Meeting
Thursday, February 27 @ 6pm

Presentations Meeting
Tuesday, March 4 @ 6pm

Council Committee Meeting
Thursday, March 13 @ 6pm

Council Meeting
Thursday, March 27 @ 6pm

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