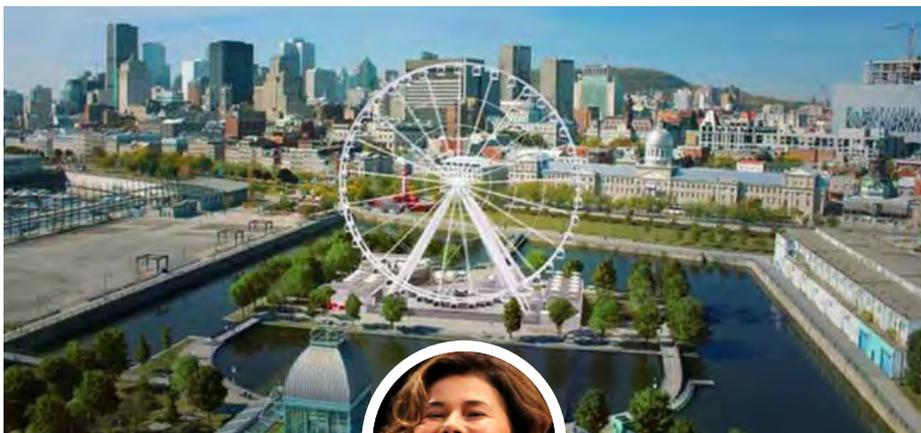


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Fauré Requiem (tbd)

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Klconcerts has asked me to lead a festival for youth and community choirs and I couldn't think of a better destination than Montreal, Canada taking into account all noted above.

I am proposing we perform the *Fauré Requiem* (tbd). This will add to the French flavor of the event. In addition to our combined rehearsals we will be inviting choirs to sing in their own right and in their own concerts if they wish it. The touring opportunities will be both educational and fun.

I am looking forward to working with you and your singers both.

Be in touch for more information

Elena Sharkova

Artistic Director & Conductor

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Russian-American conductor Elena Sharkova was born and raised in St. Petersburg and received her training at the famed Rimsky-Korsakov Conservatoire, *alma mater* to Tchaikovsky, Prokofiev, Schostakovich, and Balanchin, and holds a graduate degree in conducting. In 1993 Ms. Sharkova moved to the United States where she continues her varied career as a conductor, music educator, lecturer, workshop leader, and editor.

Most recent engagements have been with Britain's foremost professional choir the BBC Singers, Grammy-winning male ensemble *Chanticleer*, Miami-based Grammy-nominated *Seraphic Fire*, and Houston Chamber Choir. Upcoming programs include a return conducting appearance with the BBC Singers and BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra in Glasgow in 2018.

A frequent guest conductor, Elena Sharkova has had the privilege of inspiring youth and adult singers in eighteen countries across three continents. She has conducted honor choirs and festivals in NYC's Carnegie Hall and Lincoln Center, Chicago's Orchestra Hall, San Francisco's Davies Symphony Hall and the Grace Cathedral. In 2014 and 2016 Ms. Sharkova had the privilege of leading Klconcerts' international music festivals, conducting concerts in St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican and at the Notre-Dame Cathedral in Paris.

Ms. Sharkova is in her nineteenth year as the chorus master for Symphony Silicon Valley (previously San Jose Symphony) and has prepared the singers for performances of over fifty major works for distinguished conductors such as George Cleve, Carlos View, Jane Glover, John Nelson and many others. Each season she leads the orchestra and chorus in a concert of choral masterpieces as well as in the annual Christmas celebration.

Elena Sharkova has been Artistic Director of the award-winning Cantabile Youth Singers of Silicon Valley since 2004. Today the organization serves over 300 youth ages 4-18 and provides unique and comprehensive choral music education curriculum that fosters deep mind-body-heart engagement, independent thinking, and community.

She has served as editor of "Elena Sharkova Choral Series" for Carl Fischer Publishing since 2011. Her series with the National Music Publishing promotes music for treble voices.

MONTREAL FESTIVAL 2019

SUNDAY, JUNE 16

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

MONDAY, JUNE 17

- Breakfast (daily)
- 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
- Festival Choir rehearsal under Elena Sharkova's direction
- Welcome dinner
- Overnight Montréal



PROGRAM



TUESDAY, JUNE 18

- Festival Choir rehearsal under Elena Sharkova's direction
- Continue to tour and explore Montréal
- **Option for individual concert (tbd)**
- Overnight Montréal

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19

- 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 individual choirs and the Combined Festival Choir**
- Overnight Montréal

THURSDAY, JUNE 20

- Return home or depart for Québec City

*** Itinerary subject to change.*

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

QUEBEC CITY EXTENSION

THURSDAY, JUNE 20

- Travel to Quebec City
- 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
- Check-in
- Overnight Quebec City

FRIDAY, JUNE 21

- 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

SATURDAY, JUNE 22

- Transfer to the airport for your flight home

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