

Music at A&P

Looking forward with new members!



We are delighted to welcome two new members to the music staff this fall. Our new Conductor, Dr. Jean-Sébastien Vallée

(replacing Jordan de Souza), joined us as of August 1, and our newly-appointed Organ Scholar Nicholas Walters (replacing Duncan McDonald) joined us September 1.

A native of Quebec City, Dr. Vallée holds degrees from l'Université Laval, l'Université de Sherbrooke, the University of California, Santa Cruz, and the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and has studied under Chester Alwes, Eduardo Diazmunoz, Iwan Edwards, Agnes Grossman, Chantal Masson-Bourque, Nicole Paiement, Raphaele Ponti, Miroslav Papsavov, Donald Schleicher, Fred Stoltzfus, and Jon Washburn. In addition to

his duties at St. Andrew and St. Paul, he is also the newly-appointed Director of Choral Studies at the Schulich School of Music of McGill University in Montreal, and comes from academic positions at California State University, Los Angeles and the University of Redlands. For more information, visit www.jsvallee.com.

Incoming Organ Scholar and Music Librarian **Nicholas Walters** comes to us with a varied background in music and the sciences. He holds a BA with a music major (voice) from Queen's University, as well as a science degree. He has most recently worked as a chemist at AECL Canada, and is now pursuing graduate studies in organ at McGill University's Schulich School of Music.

This past summer's *Organ Intermezzi* series was another great success. Artists from Canada, Belgium and the Netherlands filled our sanctuary with beautiful music, and average attendance was circa 80 visitors

per concert. We were especially honoured by the presence of New York-based composer **Derek Healey**, who attended the Canadian premiere performance of his chorale fantasia on "*Salvation, O the Joyful Sound*" at the series' final concert, on August 28. Many of next year's artists are already booked (from Canada, Germany, France, the Netherlands and the USA), and we've had requests to play on the 2017 and 2018 series as well.

This coming season's **major choral services and concerts** include the following: Choral Celebration Sunday, featuring William Walton's *The Twelve* - Sun., Oct. 25 at 11:00 a.m.; the annual Benefit Concert for La Maison du Parc, with musicians of the OSM Players' Association - Sun., Nov. 22 at 7:30 p.m.; the CBC Christmas Sing-In - Sun., Dec. 13 at 3:00 p.m.; Carols by Candlelight - Sun., Dec. 20 at 7:00 p.m.; another Choral Celebration on Sun., Feb. 21, 2016 and the Good Friday Choral Service, featuring Bach's *St. John Passion*, together with l'Ensemble Caprice - Fri., Mar. 25, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

Soli Deo gloria!

*Jonathan Oldengarm,
Director of Music*



Jean-Sebastien in action! Welcome Dr. Vallee!