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Again we rejoice in the world you have made, Your mighty creation in beauty arrayed; We thank you for life and we praise you for joy, For love and for hope that no power can destroy

The above text is the second verse of the hymn *Eternal Unchanging*. With the changing of the seasons and the fall colours beginning to emerge, these words remind us that we need to pause and be thankful for the beautiful world in which we live and for all the blessings of our lives.

The tune traditionally used for this hymn is St. Basil written by Healey Willan. Affectionately known as the "Dean of Canadian Composers", Healey Willan was born in England October 12,1880, and immigrated to Canada in 1913 to head the theory department of the Toronto Conservatory of Music, where he eventually became vice-president. Willan served as organist and choir director of St. Paul's Anglican Church, Bloor St, Toronto, from 1913-1921. He resigned from St. Paul's in 1921, to assume the position of Precentor at the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, Toronto, serving there until his death February 16, 1968. He also held a number of positions in the University of Toronto Faculty of Music.

While at St. Mary Magdalene, he wrote over 800 works, most of them sacred music

such as anthems, hymns, mass settings, and works for organ. He had a love of plainsong and Renaissance music, but also had a great love for the music of Brahms and Wagner. He very skillfully weaved the genres throughout his music. This is very evident in the two volumes of hymn preludes he wrote for the organ.

One of his most notable works is the anthem *O Lord, Our Governour*, which he was commissioned to write for the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II in 1952. The story is told that his friends paid for his airfare so that he could attend the event.

Over the many years he spent teaching counterpoint and fugue, he developed the reputation of being rather staid and proper. However, he did have a sense of humour. He said of himself that he was "English by birth; Canadian by adoption; Irish by extraction; Scotch by absorption."

Healey Willan was made a Companion of the Order of Canada in 1967.

2018 marks the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Healey Willan's death. RCCO Ottawa would like to pay tribute to this most influential Canadian musician. And so, we invite you to attend a Healey Willan Tribute Concert on Friday, October 12 at 7:30 p.m. at the Church of St Barnabas 70 James Street at Kent. The

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event will highlight Willan's organ music, choral music and hymns. The evening will feature the choir of St. Barnabas, directed by Wesley Warren, along with organists Sondra Goldsmith Proctor, Donald Russell, Robert Jones and Wesley Warren. Admission is by donation with all funds going to our Young Organist Scholarship Programme. We hope to see you there!



Sunday, October 14, 2018, 7:30 p.m. Warren Nicholson (classical guitar). An evening of solo guitar favourites from Spain, North and South America including works by Ardevol, Albeniz, Barrios, Peros, Pritsker and Pipo. St. Luke's Church: 760 Somerset Street West (3 blocks west of Bronson Ave). Admission by donation. Info: www.stlukesottawa.ca, music@stlukesottawa.ca, Tel (613) 235-3416.

Sunday, October 28, 2018, 7:30 p.m. Robert Jones (organ). The organist of St. Luke's performs music of François

Couperin, César Franck, Walford Davies and J. S. Bach. St. Luke's Church: 760

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## **Members' News**

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#### **To Note**

The Choir Training Workshop, previously scheduled to begin on October 22<sup>nd</sup> has been **POSTPONED** until November. Further details in next month's *Pipelines*.



# Healey Willan Tribute Concert

Celebrating a Great Canadian Composer



Friday, October 12 at 7:30 p.m. Church of St Barnabas 70 James Street at Kent.

Join the choir of St. Barnabas, directed by Wesley Warren, along with organists Sondra Goldsmith Proctor, Donald Russell, Robert Jones and Wesley Warren in celebrating the life and works of this important Canadian composer on the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his death.

Admission by donation with all funds going to our Young Organist Scholarship Programme.

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## **Pro Organo**

#### KAREN HOLMES

next recital in the Pro Organo Ottawa series will be at Église Sainte-Anne/Paroisse Saint-Clément on Friday, October 26, at 7:30 p.m., and will feature Montreal organist Philip Crozier.

Born in Preston, England, PHILIP CROZIER began learning the piano at six, and was a treble chorister in both Blackburn and Carlisle Cathedral choirs. He began organ study at the age of sixteen, gaining the ARCO diploma whilst still at school, followed by the LRAM diploma in organ performance. He studied at Cardiff University, and then in Paris with André Marchal.

In 1984 he moved to Canada and married the late Sylvie Poirier, an organist and painter, with whom he formed an organ duo team in 1990, becoming known internationally through their concert career and commissioning of organ duets, and the release of recordings which include three CDs of solo organ works by Petr Eben.

Philip Crozier has given solo recitals in Europe and North America, including



the complete organ works of Jehan Alain in Montreal in 1990 and the Canadian première of Petr Eben's *Hommage à Henry Purcell* in 1995 at the request of the composer.

From 1986 to 2016 Philip Crozier was Director of Music at St. James United Church, Montreal. He is the accompanist to the Stewart Hall Singers, the Concordia University Chorus, l'Ensemble vocal Opus 16 and is in regular demand as accompanist as well as maintaining an international career as a solo recitalist.

Mr. Crozier's recital here will include works By Bach, Buxtehude, Vierne, Piet Post, Guridi, and Canadian composers Morel and Bédard. Details will be on the Centre website soon!

We are happy to return to this venue. This time, there will be video coverage at the front of the church.

# RCCO Annual Organist–Clergy Dinner





Monday November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018 6:00 pm gather, 6:30 pm dinner

KS on the Keys Restaurant 1029 Dazé St. (NW Bank & Hunt Club)

Cost: \$40.00 (includes tip)

**Guest speaker: Dr. Giles Bryant** 

Please register by October 29<sup>th</sup> by sending a cheque payable to RCCO, Ottawa Centre and mailing it to:

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Heather Rice, ARCT, BMus, ARCCO (ChM). Welcomes students in piano, organ, voice and theory, Beginner - Intermediate, Children - Adult. Call 613-563-1409

Wesley R. Warren, M.Mus., FRCO, (ChM), ARCT. Beginning to advanced organ students, piano and theory. St. Barnabas Anglican Church, (Kent St. at James), Ottawa. Info: 613-726-6341

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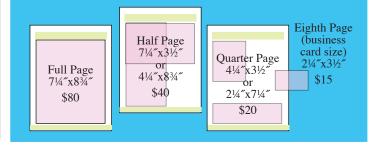
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# Organ Recital – Récital d' Orgue Philip Crozier (UK/ Montréal)



Friday October 26, 2018 7:30 pm le vendredi 26 octobre 2018 à 19h30

Église Sainte-Anne/ Paroisse Saint Clément (528 Old St Patrick Street)

Post, Morel, Buxtehude, Bach, Vierne, Wiedermann, Ropek, Kodály, Parry, Bédard, Guridi

# HEALEY WILLAN TRIBUTE CONCERT

ON THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF HIS DEATH

## FRIDAY 12 OCTOBER 2018

7.30PM

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