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Gospel Fever: Music to Warm the Soul!

13th edition: February 19 to 27, 2016

Presented as part of the **Montréal en lumière** festival with the support of the Agreement on the cultural development of Montreal.



(Montreal, December 10, 2015) – Year after year, in the depths of the Montreal winter, irresistible gospel tunes fill Montreal's oldest stone chapel. Since the festival was launched in 2003 by the Pastoral unit at the Notre-Dame-de-Bon-Secours Chapel, it has thrilled and delighted audiences seeking authenticity and hope.

Gospel concerts and recordings first spread this style of music outside the Black congregations where it was born. During the 20th century, gospel and Negro spirituals gave birth to the blues, rhythm and blues, and soul. So it's only natural to have blues giant **Bob Walsh** kick off the 2016 Gospel Fever festival.



This year will also feature two well-loved groups for the first time: the Vivienne Deane Gospel Ensemble and the Imani Gospel Singers. And of course the ever-popular Montreal Gospel Choir will be back. Gospel songs bring messages of freedom and hope. Come warm up with an inspiring musical evening in Old Montreal!

Program

Friday, **February 19**, 2016, 8 p.m. | **Opening show with Bob Walsh**
 Saturday, **February 20**, 2016, 8 p.m. | **Vivienne Deane Gospel Ensemble**
 Friday, **February 26**, 2016, 8 p.m. | **Imani Gospel Singers**
 Saturday, **February 27**, 2016, 8 and 10:30 p.m. | **Montreal Gospel Choir**

Information

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 Notre-Dame-de-Bon-Secours Chapel
 400 St. Paul Street East, Old Montreal (Champ-de-Mars metro)

Tickets at the Museum gift shop
 And at La Vitrine and www.lavitrine.com

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