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The Voices of Aloha visit Montréal from Honolulu Bringing a Program of Song, Hula, and 'Ukulele

WHO: The Voices of Aloha, the touring choir of The University of Hawai'i in Honolulu
WHAT: *For You, A Lei*, a concert program of choral music, hula, and 'ukulele
WHEN: Tuesday, June 7, 2016, 7:30 pm
WHERE: Chapelle Notre-Dame-de-Bon-Secours, 400 Rue Saint Paul E, Montréal, Quebec
TICKETS: All performances are free although an offering will be taken
INFO: Dr. Miguel Felipe, conductor, 617-975-3479, mfelipe@hawaii.edu

THE VOICES of ALOHA (VoA) will perform in Montréal, Quebec, on Tuesday, June 7 in the Chapelle Notre-Dame-de-Bon-Secours. The ensemble hails from Honolulu, and features more than two dozen of the University of Hawai'i's most select singers. VoA tours every two years as musical ambassadors for their state. Under the director of UH professor Dr. Miguel Ángel Felipe, this year's program presents selections from Hawai'i, the Pacific Rim, and Western repertoire. The event will also include hula and 'ukulele.

In his welcome letter, Hawai'i's Governor David Ige describes the Voices of Aloha as "ambassadors of aloha" and "representatives of our very best in choral music." Their 2016 program, ***For You, A Lei***, paints a musical portrait of modern Hawaiian identity where East meets West and sunny Aloha meets a challenging history.

Speaking about the trip, UH associate professor of music and director of choral activities Dr. Miguel Ángel Felipe explains, "we've been preparing for many months and are excited to perform for audiences who've most certainly never heard this variety of Pacific repertoire alongside American hymnody and European classics." Indeed, the program includes works from Hawai'i, China, Indonesia, Japan, New Zealand, and Tahiti as well as from the US and Europe. The works are sung in as many languages, all coached by native speakers.

The students and alumni that comprise the VoA come from around the Pacific, Hawai'i, and the continental US. They represent working professionals as well as students. For their inaugural tour in 2014, the group toured The Philippines for ten days. In 2016, they'll perform in Montréal, Quebec; Burlington, Vermont; Portland and Gorham, Maine; Cambridge and Boston, Massachusetts; New Haven, Connecticut; and New York City, New York. Events include public concerts, educational high school workshops, clinics with prominent conductors, and a visit to a correctional facility in New York City.

VoA will also present a short, mid-day performance at the Basilique Notre-Dame, 110 Notre-Dame St West, on Monday, June 6, at 3:30 pm.

For more information about the ensemble including a concert calendar, press photos, repertoire, and personnel, visit: <http://manoa.hawaii.edu/music/VoA>.

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