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***Nick Halley to launch
new Halifax men and boys choir***

Saint George's Round Church and the University of King's College Chapel are enthusiastically supporting the launch of a new choir this month. Under the direction of musician Nick Halley, men and boys will receive training in the European tradition of great choral music.

"Think Vienna Boys Choir," says Halley, "add a Halifax edge, and you will understand the sound we are aiming for."

A launch party is taking place in the Parish Hall of St George's (corner of Maitland and Cornwallis streets) on Saturday February 13th, from 11:00am to 1:00pm. Boys, parents, music teachers and anyone else who wants to know more, are invited to come and hear more about the choir, meet the people involved, listen to live singers, and enjoy coffee, tea and snacks.

Nick Halley is musician in residence at both the King's College Chapel and St George's where he assists his father, Grammy-winning musician Paul Halley, in expanding the Halifax choral music scene. He recently helped to

conduct the critically acclaimed 'A King's Christmas' concert, which was broadcast on CBC radio. Halley's aim is to create a choir of boys between the ages of seven and 14 from all over the Halifax area who will perform with musically-trained men at St George's, King's College, and other venues around Halifax and the province.

“Like sports, music is an excellent way to bring people of different backgrounds together to create something that is truly great,” says Halley.

In forming this choir, Halley says he hopes to “bring the fantastic choral music I fell in love with as a kid, and which was so important in my journey to adulthood, to the ears and minds of boys so that they can experience the joy, fellowship and enormous satisfaction it brings.”

Halley is teaming up with Halifax’s Ryan Veltmeyer, a local community youth worker and singer, to help bring boys from a range of backgrounds into the choir. “This is a great opportunity for young people in Halifax, “ says Veltmeyer, “and we want to make sure it is accessible to families from all of the city's diverse communities”. Halley and Veltmeyer will collaborate with local schools, recreation centres, libraries and other youth-serving organizations to support the boys as they embark on an enriching musical journey.

To find out more about this exciting new venture, please email:

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