

**Vermont Youth Orchestra
TOUR OF QUEBEC CITY & FRANCE**

July 3 – 14, 2009

The Governor is scheduled to be on-hand for the July 3rd “Bon Voyage” concert at the Flynn Center as we honor Troy Peters in his final VYO performance in Vermont.



VYO performing at the Flynn Center in Burlington, Vermont

The next morning our buses depart Burlington for **Quebec City!** Our tour company has arranged for our concert at the *Palais Montcalm* in Quebec City to be a fundraiser for MIELS, an HIV/AIDS outreach organization. <http://www.palaismontcalm.ca/>



Quebec City during the day...



... and night!



The stage at the Palais Montcalm in Quebec City

Our concert venue in **Paris**, *L'église de la Madeleine*, was consecrated as a church in 1842. Both Camille Saint-Saens and Gabriel Faure held positions as organists at this church, playing its celebrated pipe organ.



*Outside L'église de la Madeleine,
and inside view (right)*



Fouras, France

Next we perform in the small coastal town of **Fouras** (pop. 4,000), where the orchestra performs in the *Salle Roger Rondeaux*, a multi-purpose venue that has hosted everything from performances by groups such as the Ealing Youth Orchestra (London) to an abundance of table tennis tournaments.

The final concert of the tour takes place in **Poitiers** where we meet up with VYO alumnus Drake Mabry (oboe, '67). Drake was commissioned to write "Prelude and Tango" specifically for this tour, so it is fitting that we would give our final concert in his town. The orchestra will perform in the *Palais de Justice*, a breathtaking structure which was originally constructed in the 10th century, and rebuilt after a fire in 1014. A stage is being specially built by the town for the enormous main hall where our students will perform, and the mayor and other dignitaries are expected to be on-hand for this event.



Poitiers, France



*Photo of the exterior of the Palais de Justice,
as well as the interior hall where VYO will perform.*