

Dialogue

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DUO DIALOGUE'S EAST COAST TOUR!

May 19 to 24, 2018

The Kirk of St. James | 35 Fitzroy Street, Charlottetown, PEI

4 strings and 1000's of pipes! Unique duo brings their musical collaboration to the Maritimes

MAY 11, 2018– Daniel Fuchs and Mark McDonald will bring their unique violin and organ duo to Nova Scotia and PEI this May giving concerts in Lunenburg, Wolfville, Halifax, and Charlottetown. From evocative sonatas by Bach and Mendelssohn to the complex soundscapes of Arvo Pärt, Dialogue is a tour de force for this unique combination of instruments - a meeting of strings and pipes.

Dialogue's concert program includes the ever-energetic *Spring* from Vivaldi's Four Seasons as well a work by Max Bruch called *Kol Nidrei*, a reference to the declaration of atonement recited on the Jewish holy day of Yom Kippur. They will also present a work by Jehan Alain, a French composer who tragically died at the age of 29. In his short life as a composer, he took inspiration not only from the style of Debussy and Messiaen but also Baroque, Jazz, and even the philosophies, music and dance of the far East. His music is considered by many to be some of the most original of the 20th century.

Dialogue will also present the intoxicating *Fratres* by Estonian composer Arvo Pärt. *Fratres* is open concept, having no defined instrumentation, and has been described as a "mesmerizing set of variations on a six-bar theme combining frantic activity and sublime stillness that encapsulates Pärt's observation that 'the instant and eternity are struggling within us.'" *Fratres* exemplifies the composers Tintinnabulum style, which is a minimalist performance style he created originating from his mystical exploration into chant music.

ABOUT DIALOGUE

Dialogue is a collaboration by violinist Daniel Fuchs and organist Mark McDonald. Fuchs, originally from Montreal, is pursuing his master of music degree at Memorial University. In St. John's, he is active as a teacher

and performer, currently playing with the Newfoundland Symphony and the Memorial University Chamber Orchestra. McDonald is a Montreal-based organist and choir director. He is a recent graduate from the doctoral program at McGill University's Schulich School of Music and he holds positions as organist at Montreal's St. James United Church, Temple Emanu-El-Beth-Sholom and the Montreal Diocesan Theological College.

For more information, please contact Daniel Fuchs and Mark McDonald or check out Dialogue's [tour page](#) and [Facebook page](#).

TOUR SCHEDULE

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| May 19, 2018 | 7:30 PM | St. John's Anglican Church, 64 Townsend St., Lunenburg, NS
Presented by Musique Royale
Tickets: \$20 available online at https://tinyurl.com/DialogueLunenburg
Facebook Event: https://www.facebook.com/events/422019511596737/ |
| May 20, 2018 | 3:00 PM | Manning Memorial Chapel, 45 Acadia St., Wolfville, NS
Suggested Donation: \$10
Facebook Event: https://www.facebook.com/events/2142793695952133/ |
| May 22, 2018 | 7:30 PM | St. George's Round Church, 2222 Brunswick St., Halifax, NS
Tickets: \$20 available online at https://tinyurl.com/DialogueHalifax
Facebook Event: https://www.facebook.com/events/229424920946617/ |
| May 23, 2018 | 6:00 PM | The Kirk of St. James, 35 Fitzroy St., Charlottetown, PEI
Suggested Donation: \$10
Facebook Event: https://www.facebook.com/events/192961507996206/ |