

WHAT Splash Around Town festival

Sea Shanties Concert with Montreal's La Nef ensemble

WHERE Festival stage on the BC Legislature Lawn

WHEN Afternoon of Sunday, July 31

TIME COMMITMENT

- Three, two-hour rehearsals scheduled during the month of June/July, TBD
- Two rehearsals with La Nef in the two days directly preceding the performance on July 31

To express your interest contact rebecca@victoriasymphony.ca by June 3

Sea Shanties will pair the 7 members of La Nef (3 singers, cittern, violin, flute, double bass) with a large and enthusiastic local chorus of tenors and basses, led by VS Associate Conductor Joey Pietraroia. The program includes learning several fun and simple call-and-response sea shanties arranged by La Nef's Sean Dagher. All ages and levels of experience are welcome.

BACKGROUND

The journey of Sea Songs and Shanties began in 2012 when La Nef worked with the video game company Ubisoft to create what went on to become wildly popular soundtracks to the video games Assassin's Creed III, Black Flag and Rogue. The success of these games and the huge popularity of their soundtracks convinced La Nef to bring the group together again for a live concert – and it was a huge hit! In May 2017 a complete album of new arrangements of the sea shanties was released to great critical acclaim. The first run sold out in 3 months and La Nef have been touring the program successfully all over the continent ever since.

To get a sense of this project, check out La Nef's live concert with Vancouver's Chor Leoni mens' choir on YouTube: shorturl.at/owMY3