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**THE YELLOW DOOR CHOIR, directed by Eleanor Stubley
AND
MONTREAL COMEDIAN PAUL ASH
present
“Love and Laughter”**

The Yellow Door Choir and Paul Ash invite Montrealers to join them on a comical, musical exploration of the serious, yet funny, subject of love.

**Friday, May 28th and Saturday, May 29th at 8:00 p.m. (doors open at 7:30 p.m.)
Unitarian Church of Montreal, 5035 de Maisonneuve West (Metro Vendôme)**

The members of the Yellow Door Choir use their talents to raise money and awareness for socially conscious organizations. Now in its 27th year, the choir is taking on love in all its beguiling, romantic, playful, sacred complexity and asks the question ***Why Do Fools Fall in Love?***

PAUL ASH adds his unique comic twist to the performance, exploring the inside and underside of the choir's reflections on love. Paul is originally from Nova Scotia and has been instrumental in developing Halifax's burgeoning comedy scene. Settled now in Montreal, Paul has been closely associated with the Just for Laughs festival for more than ten years. He is a talented comedian, writer and actor and has appeared in several films and TV shows, including Showcase's Trailer Park Boys.

The choir's director, ELEANOR STUBLEY, has selected a program that expresses many facets of human love and our responses to it: romance in George Shearing's jazzy tongue-in-cheek musical commentary on Shakespeare's ***Sigh No More Ladies***; inspiration in ***I Could Write a Book***, from the 1940 Rodgers and Hart musical Pal Joey; longing in Jonathan Quick's arrangement of ***Loch Lomond***. An Indonesian folk song advises caution in young lovers lured by the scent of blossoms carried on the wind, and in a rollicking song from Newfoundland, all caution is thrown to the wind by young Sally with that ***Feller From Fortune***. Inspired by the Song of Solomon, ***Set Me As a Seal*** by René Clausen affirms the strength and undying nature of love. It's fair to say that with Paul Ash in the house, the combination of music and laughter will leave no one broken-hearted.

Proceeds from the concerts will go to the National Educational Association of Disabled Students (NEADS). Its members include students with disabilities, educators, organizations and professional service providers. All thirteen provinces and territories are represented on its board of directors. NEADS is a cross-disability organization that supports students' transition to and participation in post-secondary education and the workforce through programs, resources, disability awareness and research. The money raised will go towards scholarship funds to allow students to attend conferences.

TICKETS: \$20; \$15 for students with ID. Advance sales at www.yellowdoorchoir.com or by calling 514-738-9052. Also available at the door on concert night.