



**Quebec Band Association**  
Association des harmonies du Québec

## **QBA Honour Band - Concert Band Information Package**

Dear Participant,

Congratulations on being selected to participate in the 2020 QBA Honour Band. The Concert Band will rehearse at Vanier College during the day on Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020. This event will culminate with a showcase concert on the evening of Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020. We have accepted your registration fee and look forward to seeing you. Please note that in the event that you are unable to attend, these fees are non-refundable.

The following information package contains all the material that you will need before the Honour Band rehearsals begin. Please remember you can always contact us with any questions that you, your parents, or your teacher may have before you attend the first rehearsal. Our email address is [gba@quebecbandassociation.com](mailto:gba@quebecbandassociation.com). Please indicate in the subject line that you have an Honour Band question and we will respond to any messages as quickly as possible.

Vanier College is a rental facility – please **do not** contact them for information.

There is a lot of information in this package. **MAKE SURE YOU READ IT!**

This information package will also be posted on our website at [www.quebecbandassociation.com](http://www.quebecbandassociation.com)

### **CONDUCTOR: Ms. Simone Gendron**

**Simone Gendron** is currently Director of Senior School Music at Ashbury College in Ottawa, Ontario. Along with teaching Grade 9-12 music courses and IB Music, she directs concert bands, jazz bands, small ensembles and choirs. In her 19-plus years of teaching music at the high school level in both Winnipeg and Ottawa, the ensembles under her direction have received numerous awards at festivals at both the local and national level.

Simone graduated from the University of Manitoba with a Bachelor of Music and a Bachelor of Education and continued to hone her pedagogical and conducting skills by completing the Canadian Wind Conductor's Development Program at the University of Manitoba, and the Toronto Wind Conducting Symposium. While in Winnipeg, she played flute with the Winnipeg Wind Ensemble, directed the U of M Vocal Jazz Ensemble, and was guest conductor for the U of M Concert Band. She served on the board of the Manitoba Band Association and is now the Director of the Capital Region Ontario Band Association Wind Band Symposium.

Simone is active as a clinician, guest conductor and adjudicator for both choral and instrumental festivals and events. While she also enjoys performing as a vocalist and flutist, her passion lies in music education; in developing musical excellence, developing personal character, and building dynamic and respectful musical communities.

## **MUSIC:**

Your teacher will provide you with your Honour Band music. You must bring a copy of your music to Honour Band with you. This music has been especially selected for you – do not replace it with someone else's part unless your teacher has received permission from the HB coordinators for you to do so. You will only have one day to rehearse all of this material with the entire ensemble. Please make sure that you arrive in February having **learned the music.** We encourage you to start now and get help from your teacher/band director where necessary. You will receive the parts to the following pieces:

Ancient Voices - arr. M. Sweeney  
Dervish - Ralph Ford  
Midnight Mission - Brian Balmages  
Spania - David Shaffer  
A Whole New World - arr. R. Longfield

If you are missing any of these pieces, please let your teacher know right away. Some changes during rehearsal days may be inevitable to adjust the balance and blend in the ensemble.

## **CONCERT DRESS:**

It is important that the ensembles present a professional image which coincides with this enriched musical experience. The following information is an outline of the uniform requirements. Please remember to bring your concert dress to the rehearsal on Saturday as you will not be leaving Vanier College before the concert. We will have a place to store your clothes, and will give you time to change before your performance.

- white shirt or blouse (long sleeves/high neckline); plain black skirt or black pants
- black nylons or black socks; black dress shoes (no running shoes)

Each year, there are numerous articles left behind at Vanier after the concert. Please be advised that we are not responsible for these items - anything we find will be given over to the Vanier Lost and Found office.

## **INSTRUMENTS:**

Instruments are your responsibility. Whether it is a school instrument or your own, you must be sure that it is in good playing condition and that you have all necessary accessories, i.e. valve/slide oil, mutes, reeds, etc. Please also bring a music stand if possible and ensure that all items (instrument cases, stands, etc.) are clearly marked with your name. We are not responsible for lost or stolen instruments. Percussionists do not need to bring individual instruments. All percussion will be supplied, although we ask you to please bring all necessary mallets and sticks.

## **MEALS:**

Participants are required to bring a packed lunch for Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup>. You should also bring a water bottle for the day. A pizza dinner with beverages will be provided, as all participants are required to remain at Vanier College between the rehearsal and the concert. If you do not wish to eat pizza, please bring your own food for dinner.

## **MISCELLANEOUS:**

**Please note that there is now a parking fee at Vanier College: \$2/hour, up to \$8/day.**

We will have secure rooms available to store your coats and bags during the day on Saturday. You are welcome to bring games (cards, etc.) to entertain yourself during the evening when you are not performing. There is very limited space for our rehearsals during the day on Saturday so we ask that your parents drop you off promptly in the morning, and return only to watch the concert in the evening. As we have no large waiting area near the Auditorium, the doors will not open before 6:30 pm for the concert on Saturday night. Tickets that were pre-ordered for the concert, will be distributed on Saturday morning so that you may give them to your guests prior to their arrival on Saturday. If additional tickets become available, they can be purchased at Saturday morning registration.

**Registration will take place at Vanier College between 9:00 and 9:30 am on Saturday. Please plan to be on time, as it is very important that we start rehearsing on schedule.**

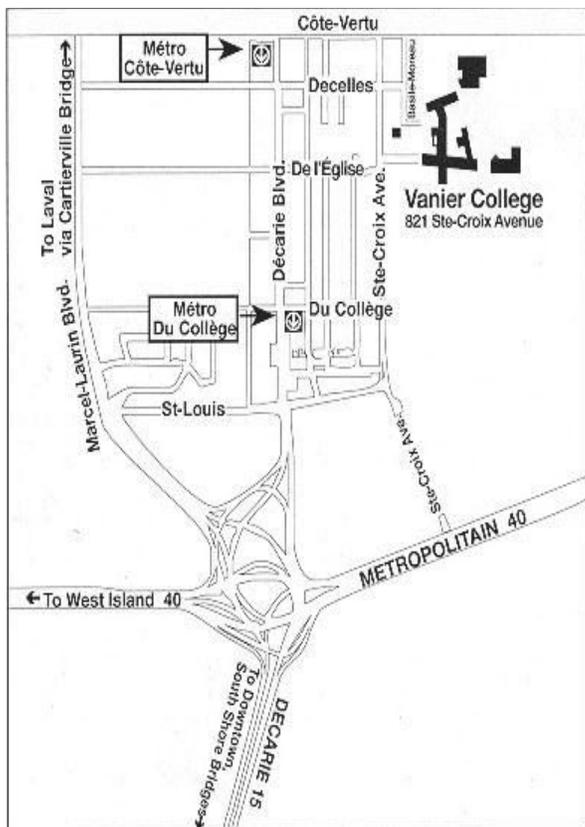


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## **QBA Honour Band 2020 -- Concert Band Itinerary**

### **Saturday, Feb. 8th**

- 9:00-9:30 am - Registration for Concert Band participants downstairs
- 9:30-11:00 am - Information and Concert Band full rehearsal
- 11:00-12:15 pm - Concert Band sectional rehearsal
- 12:15-1:00 pm - Lunch
- 1:00-2:15 pm - Concert Band full rehearsal
- 2:15-3:15 pm - Concert Band sectional rehearsal
- 3:15-3:30 pm - Break
- 3:30-4:15 pm - Concert Band dress rehearsal
- 4:15-5:15 pm - Concert Band watches Symphonic Band dress rehearsal
- 5:15-6:00 pm - Pizza party
- 6:00-6:30 pm - Change into concert dress and warm-ups
- 7:00-8:30 pm - Concert



Vanier College is situated in Ville Saint-Laurent on 821 Ste-Croix Avenue between rue de l'Église and Cote-Vertu. Vanier College is well located for convenient access by public transport.

The music department is in the “A” section of the map the college building. You may enter through the auditorium doors, marked as 867 Ste-Croix. Parking is in section P7.

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## Music Department



We look forward to meeting you at Honour Band 2020.

Yours sincerely,

QBA Honour Band 2020 Coordinators

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