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## THE YELLOW DOOR CHOIR, directed by Eleanor Stubley, presents "Mystery and Mayhem" with storyteller Gordon Masten

## **Proceeds to the Montreal Children's Library**

May 27 and 28, 2011 at 8:00 pm (doors open at 7:30 pm) Unitarian Church of Montreal, 5035 de Maisonneuve ouest (Métro Vendome)

TICKETS: General \$20; students \$15. Advance sales at www.yellowdoorchoir.com or call 514-738-9052. Also available at the door on concert night.

There's a mystery to be solved! The Yellow Door Choir invites its audience to unravel the intrigue and have a great time doing so. Each song offers a clue. Our engaging storyteller is your guide, and anything at all could happen. One thing is for sure: the butler didn't do it (whatever "it" is) . . . but then who is the culprit the drunken sailor? No matter what you deduce, be warned: clues and stories can mislead.

As the evening unfolds, a multifarious collection of songs will tell tales ominous and cautionary, jolly and tender. Shades of dark and light in the human character will be revealed in the wail of the weeping woman, La Llorona, as she wanders the night; in the heinous crimes of Sweeney Todd, the demon barber of Fleet Street; by the happy wife extolling the numerous virtues of her man (II Est Bel et Bon); and by the young lovers of West Side Story, in their own romantic bubble, against a backdrop of warring Sharks and Jets.

The accomplished actor, singer, musician, and writer Gordon Masten is our storyteller. Gordon is currently appearing in the film Source Code and at the Centaur Theatre in the smash hit Schwartz's: The Musical. Questioned about the mystery theme of this concert, Gordon was a little evasive: "Well," he said, "it could be a whodunit, a whydunit, a whendunit . . . and, of course, we ask the ever-present existential question—is there a body?"

The Montreal Children's Library will be the recipient of proceeds from the two evenings. The library was founded with one principal aim: to bring the world of books to children. It has been doing just that since 1929, offering free service at its Atwater, Jean-Rivard, and Richmond Square branches. The library's outreach programs for children with special needs began in 1986 and are a unique part of their activities. The choir is very pleased to have this worthy organization as a partner for both performances.

Refreshments will be available during intermission.