

# P R O G R A M

# 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE VISIT OF 'ABDU'L-BAHÁ 1912-2012

## August 31st

The beginning of the week of events will take place on August 31st at Concordia University de Seve Hall, 1400 de Maisonneuve West called **"Montreal Welcomes 'Abdu'l-Bahá."** The program will feature a keynote address on the **"Significance of 'Abdu'l-Bahá's Visit"** by Elizabeth Wright, along with several musical performances and excerpts from a film produced in Montreal on the Master's visit.

## September 2nd

**Commemorative Worship Service at the Unitarian Church of Montreal**, 5035 de Maisonneuve West (originally called the Church of the Messiah when 'Abdu'l-Bahá spoke there) on Sunday, September 2nd in close collaboration with their minister Diane Rollert. Todd Lawson will give the keynote, along with music from members of Il Musici, two Bahá'í brothers who have composed and will perform new pieces especially for the occasion, three voice acapella ensemble, girls recitation of part of one of 'Abdu'l-Bahá's talks and a story about 'Abdu'l-Bahá by two older children, and finally a Persian chant accompanied by a daff.

## September 4th

An evening of stories about the Master called **"'Abdu'l-Bahá in Action"**, at the Community Centre of Côte des Nieges, 5347 Côte des Nieges, on Tuesday night, September 4th dramatically narrated by professional and amateur actors.



## September 5th

A musical concert called **"The Mystery of 'Abdu'l-Bahá"** created and performed by John Ebata will be held on Wednesday, September 5th at the Le Gesu, 1202 de Bleury, as a part of their fall programming. Tickets will be available from their box office. As his personal tribute to 'Abdu'l-Bahá, John has collected impressions of those who met the Master along with excerpts from His Writings.

He has composed original musical compositions inspired by these and will perform them between the dramatic reading of each.

## September 7th

Neighbourhood Feasts of Might

## September 8th

Commemorative evening planned for the Bahá'í community by the National Spiritual Assembly at the Fairmount/Queen Elizabeth, 900 Rene Levesque Blvd. W. Guest speakers: Douglas Martin and Ali Nakhjavani; musical selections and prayers

## September 9th

**Commemorative Worship Service at St-James United Church**, 1439 St. Catherine St. West, (originally St-James Methodist Church in 1912) on September 9th, organized with the cooperation of its minister, Reverend Bonner. Leila Shodjai will giving the keynote remarks along with a similar program as above, except for the children's component, but also including a musical selection from Hélène Brunet, soprano, and Josh Patton.

*Also to mark the centenary. . .*

• **A map of the places the Master visited in Montreal** will be available at the Bahá'í Centre for those wishing to organize a tour or visit them individually.

• **A commemorative exhibit will be present at the Bahá'í Centre** focusing on 'Abdu'l-Bahá for all those who come to visit, and second, a big banner will be put up across the front of the building drawing attention to the occasion.

• Everyone can keep informed of Centenary events and activities on the newly re-designed **Montreal Bahá'í website** which will be used as a clearinghouse and record of all events that take place this year.

Finally, it is expected that friends will want to use **the social media** to keep up a steady stream of posts about this year.