

# The Flying Canoe

*Dear Choir,*

*Rag & Bone Puppet Theatre is so happy that you're going to be a part of The Flying Canoe at the Shenkman Arts Centre, in the Richcraft Studio Theatre! We're looking forward to seeing you there, and to hearing you sing. Here are a few reminders, and a schedule of what to expect.*

## **One hour before the show:**

- Arrive at the Richcraft Theatre of Shenkman Arts Centre (245 Centrum Blvd, Orléans). There will be a Rag & Bone table in the lobby downstairs where parents can drop off choir members and pick up or buy tickets. The boxoffice will open 45 minutes before the show.
- A Rag & Bone member will take students and teachers to the dressing room to drop off coats etc.
- Students will line up and follow their teacher to the stage, where they will sit on risers.
- Practice the three songs. Stand up to sing, watch choir director. When the song is over, sit.
- Students will go back to dressing rooms. Use the bathroom if necessary.

## **Ten minutes before the show:**

Audience goes into theatre.

## **Five minutes before the show:**

Choir lines up **quietly** again and follows teacher to risers. Don't sit down. Stay standing up.

## **Showtime!**

- John reminds audience: no cell phones or cameras.
- Kathy introduces your school and says, "The show is called The Flying Canoe."
- ☞ Choir sings *V'la l'bon vent*, then sits to watch show.

## **About 30 minutes after the start of show:**

- John says, "Montreal, here we come!"
- ☞ Choir stands up.
- John says: "We landed in field near René's uncle's house. We saw lights spilling from the windows onto the snow. We heard laughter, musique and singing!"
- ☞ Choir sings *Ah! Si mon moine*, then sits to watch show.

## **About 50 minutes after the start of show:**

- Show is almost over. John says: "Did René say I could do that?"
- ☞ Choir stands up.
- John and Kathy say, "And they all lived happily ever after."
- ☞ Choir sings *Gai lon la, gai le rosier*.
- After the song, all bow, and pose for photos. Then go back to dressing room, get coats from dressing room.

**About an hour after the start of show:**

Meet parents in lobby outside theatre. (At the same table.)

**Don't forget:**

- Choir clothes. Either wear them or bring them.
- Indoor shoes.
- Don't bring anything else (toys, books or valuables). They might get lost or stolen.
- Eat before you come. Don't come hungry.
- Line up quietly backstage.
- Watch the show with your best audience manners: you're on stage and everyone can see you.

And don't forget to have fun! We know you'll enjoy the show, and the audience will be so happy to hear your singing. Thank you for being a part of the choir!

**Tickets and more info at [ragandbone.ca](http://ragandbone.ca)**

Tickets are \$10 each or 4 for \$32. The show is free for choir members. Everyone else (older than one year old) needs a ticket.

You can buy or reserve tickets on our website, [ragandbone.ca](http://ragandbone.ca), and pick them up at the door. (We don't mail out tickets.)

Parents, be sure to select the right performance for your school.

Seating is general admission, not assigned.

*Kathy MacLellan, John Nolan & Russell Levia*