

## Denis Gougeon Granby (Canada), 1951

Well-known in the Canadian musical scene, composer Denis Gougeon has more than 100 works to his credit, ranging from solo to orchestra, from concert works (piano, guitar, English horn, piccolo) to chamber music, as well as from the musical story to the ballet. Simultaneously sensitive, lyrical and imbued with tremendous dynamism, his music has gained him a reputation beyond our borders and garnered him numerous awards. A professor of composition in the Faculty of Music at the Université de Montréal since 2001, his path is punctuated by prestigious collaborations both on the Canadian and international stage. His great versatility has led him to many collaborations with the theatrical milieu in addition to working with renowned ballets. Keenly sensitive to audiences of all ages, Gougeon has also composed works intended for the young audience and in collaboration with the legendary Gilles Vigneault, he created an original musical tale.

### *Voler comme un oiseau* (2013) For children's choir, recorder, Orff instruments, boomwhackers and keyboard

#### Presentation notes

Through his music, Denis Gougeon seeks to transmit to young people the sense of growing up and engaging fully with life. He desires that they work hard to maintain the hope and desire to realize their dreams, and especially, to never give up. Moreover, the flight theme is a wink at his own "crazy" youthful dream that he actualized by becoming a pilot at age 54. He explains: «to pilot requires one to be alert, to highly concentrate. It is the same thing when we compose. It is necessary to turn the key, step on the gas, ensure that everything is under control so that the music takes off. Then the audience can admire the landscapes and discover new ones.»

#### Text (free translation)

I want to fly like a bird and spread my wings,  
Always go higher and to travel the sky.  
I want to go to the end of the world and across the sea,  
Fly every second, make tour the Earth  
And like the bird who sings and flies so high  
With all my friends, we shall reunite  
To laugh, have fun and sing of our friendship.

# Voler comme un oiseau

Paroles et musique : Denis Gougeon

Moderato

8

Glockenspiel

Flûte à bec

Voix 1  
Je veux vo - ler comme un oi - seau et dé - plo - yer mes

Voix 2  
Je veux vo - ler comme un oi - seau et dé - plo - yer mes

Xylophone Sop.

Xylophone Alto

Xylophone Basse

Metallophone sop.

Métallophone Alto

Métallophone Basse

Boomwhackers 1  
2 tubes

Boomwhackers 2  
2 tubes

Clavier  
(si disponible)

Detailed description: This is a musical score for the piece 'Voler comme un oiseau' by Denis Gougeon. The score is in 4/4 time and G major. It features a variety of instruments: Glockenspiel, Flute (Flûte à bec), two vocal parts (Voix 1 and Voix 2), Xylophone (Soprano, Alto, Bass), Metallophone (Soprano, Alto, Bass), and Boomwhackers (two sets, each with 2 tubes). The vocal parts have the lyrics 'Je veux voler comme un oiseau et déployer mes'. The score includes a piano introduction (measures 1-7) and a main section starting at measure 8. The tempo is marked 'Moderato'. The key signature has two sharps (F# and C#).

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