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STUDY IN MEXICO

MEXICO-CANADA SEASONAL AGRICULTURAL WORKERS PROGRAM (SAWP) BEGINS FOR 2015

The arrival of 1,300 workers in the provinces of Ontario and Manitoba in January marked the beginning of the 2015 season of the Mexico-Canada Seasonal Agricultural Workers Program (SAWP). More than 98% of the workers have been accommodated in Ontario.

The Mexico-Canada Seasonal Agricultural Workers Program is a model of binational cooperation between the two countries, which provides guaranteed employment for agricultural workers. The program ensures the maintenance of an orderly, safe and cyclical flow of seasonal workers, and above all with full respect for their labour, social and human rights.

The SAWP began in 1974 with 203 workers, a number that has grown from year to year to reach 19,810 in the 2014 season. In its forty years of existence, 281,111 workers have participated in the program.

Nine provinces participate in the SAWP: Alberta, British Columbia, Prince Edward Island, Manitoba, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Ontario, Quebec and Saskatchewan.

The operations of the Mexico-Canada Seasonal Agricultural Workers Program in the provinces of Ontario and Manitoba have been characterized



by a high level of coordination and communication, resulting from the good relations established between the authorities responsible for the administration of the program in Mexico (the Secretariat of Labour and Social Welfare and the Secretariat of Foreign Affairs), which have significantly contributed to the successful implementation of the administrative procedures aimed at meeting the demand for workers among Canadian employers.

The Secretariat of Labour and Social Welfare (STPS, for its initials in Spanish) estimates that in 2015, with the infrastructure of the National Employment Service (SNE), it will be possible to secure at least 20,000 jobs on Canada’s agricultural labour market, to the benefit of an equal number of Mexican families.

According to STPS estimates, this program generates close to 170 million Canadian dollars in remittances.

For workers in Ontario, the Consulate General in Toronto offers a toll-free telephone service (1888-351-2690) available from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday. Outside office hours, on weekends and holidays, workers can contact the exclusive emergency hotline: (416) 716-0931.



The Consulate General of Mexico in Toronto is open to the public by appointment. For Mexican passports, Consular ID, birth certificates and powers of attorney, appointments must be requested through MEXITEL at:

https:// citas.sre.gob.mx/mexitel_web/ or by calling: 1877 MEXITEL (1-877-639 4835).

For any other service, please request an appointment by writing to citas@consulmex.com or by calling: (416) 368-2875 ext. 236

"LAS MAÑANITAS: A BAROQUE HIGH MASS IN NEW SPAIN" CONCERT AT SAINT PATRICK'S CHURCH IN TORONTO

Canada's Tallis Choir, made up of 36 voices specializing in music of the 16th century, will offer a special concert to recreate the celebration of Day of the Virgin of Guadalupe held at the Cathedral of Puebla in Mexico on December 12, 1650.

The event will take place on Saturday, February 28, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at St. Patrick's Church, 141 McCaul St., Toronto.

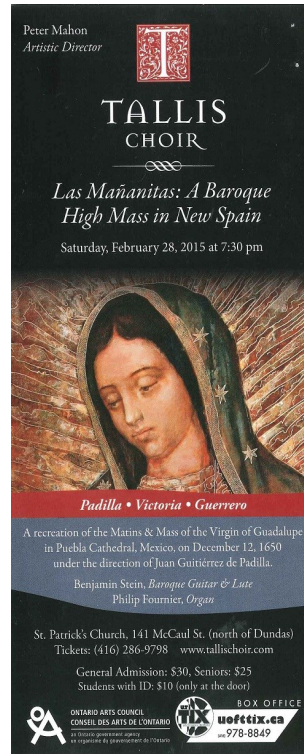
The concert will feature carols with original lyrics in Nahuatl by the 16th- and 17th-century Mexican composers Juan Gutiérrez de Padilla and Hernando Franco and the Portuguese composer

Gaspar Fernández; as well as musical pieces by the Spanish composers Tomás Luis de Victoria, Francisco Guerrero and Antonio de Cabezón.

The event will be an opportunity to hear music of the golden age of the Mexican Renaissance and Baroque periods.

The audience will be introduced to an aspect of Mexico's sacred music heritage and to pieces performed and composed in the churches and cathedrals of Mexico.

Information on the concert can be found at www.tallischoir.com



USEFUL LINKS

- Visas and consular services: consulmex.com
- Mexican Embassy in Canada embamex.sre.gob.mx/canada/
- Secretary of Foreign Affairs: sre.gob.mx
- Mexican restaurants in Toronto & GTA [[click here](#)]
- ProMexico promexico.gob.mx
- Mexico Tourism Board: visitmexico.com
- Mexican National Council for Culture and the Arts: conaculta.gob.mx; ecultura.gob.mx
- Canadian Chamber of Commerce in Mexico: canchammx.com
- Presidency of Mexico: presidencia.gob.mx
- Mexico-Canada <http://mex-can.sre.gob.mx/>
- MEXITEL 1-877-639-4835 <https://mexitel.sre.gob.mx/citas>

SERVICES FOR FOREIGNERS

POWER OF ATTORNEY

The Consul General is empowered to act as a Mexican notary public, and is therefore able to issue powers of attorney with legal validity in Mexico. Any person or company located in Ontario or Manitoba may submit a power of attorney for the appointment of a person to act on their behalf in a lawsuit, in the administration of a business or in the purchase or sale of goods in Mexico.

Appointments must be scheduled through MEXITEL (1-877-639-4837) or online https://citas.sre.gob.mx/mexitel_web/.

For more information about requirements and fees, please visit our website <http://consulmex.sre.gob.mx/toronto/index.php/en/power-of-attorney> or call 416-368-2875, ext. 237.

TRAVELING TO MEXICO

Canadian nationals and permanent residents of Canada do not require a visa to enter Mexico, with the exception of Canadian citizens carrying **diplomatic or official passports**.

For more information and requirements please visit: <http://consulmex.sre.gob.mx/toronto/index.php/es/visas>

For fees and payment: <http://consulmex.sre.gob.mx/toronto/index.php/es/fees>

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