



SALON DU LIVRE DU GRAND SUDBURY
ÉDITION VIRTUELLE

**À CHACUNE
ET CHACUN
SA VOIX**



PROGRAMMATION
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DE NOTRE SALON
À VOTRE SALON

**7 AU 10
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“To each, a voice”

Sudbury’s Francophone literary festival,
Le Salon du livre du Grand Sudbury, becomes an online event

FROM OUR HOME TO YOURS

Greater Sudbury, 23 April 2020 – Le Salon du livre du Grand Sudbury (SLGS), Sudbury’s Francophone literary festival, has morphed into an online experience. Here are the first highlights of the event to be held from May 7 to 10 on the SLGS’ all-new website, which will launch in the week of May 4, as well as on Facebook. These platforms will allow our festival-goers to continue to experience our fascinating literary encounters, which promise warm interpersonal contact through technological means.

This year’s edition of the festival is characterized by diversity and openness to multiple voices that carry words, genres and trends that enrich lives, inspire reflection, nourish dreams and lead to discovery and sharing.



Honorary President: Stefan Psenak

Stefan Psenak was chosen as this year’s honorary president in recognition of his dynamic commitment to the promotion of the arts in Ontario and Quebec, particularly in the Gatineau area where he now resides. He maintains close ties with the Sudbury area, where he resided for a number of years and made a lasting contribution. He is the author

of fifteen books of poetry, as well as a publisher, novelist, journalist and politician.



Guest of honour, Children and youth literature: Pierre-Yves Villeneuve. After his academic literary studies, Pierre-Yves Villeneuve embraced the field of teen literature with his popular series *Gamer* (Ed. Les Malins), starring the heroine Laurianne in an impactful and energizing environment. Having toured many Quebec book fairs this year, he looks forward to meeting his Sudbury audience.



Guest of Honour, Indigenous literature: Joséphine Bacon Josephine Bacon is an Innu writer from Besiamites whose work is read throughout the Francosphere. The most recent of her four books of poetry is *Uiesh / Quelque part*, which has garnered prizes and nominations, and she is also a producer and lyricist. She has worked as a translator-interpreter with elders who possess traditional knowledge and wisely learned to hear their words.



Guest of Honour, LGBTQ+ literature: Nicholas Giguère He is a doctor of letters and head of literary criticism for the review *Lettres québécoises*. His works include *Marques déposées* (2015), *Queues* (2017) and *Quelqu'un* (2018). His latest work, *Petites annonces*, was launched in March. He is a regular contributor to many Quebec literary periodicals.

General programming

Over forty authors will take part in the adventure of our online programming!

Talks with Indigenous authors, discussing the creative process, imagination, language, territory and writing, and how to bring indigenous works to general audiences. Guests: Joséphine Bacon, Virginia Pésémapéo Bordeleau and Jean-François Létourneau.

Literature is an indispensable sounding board for **diversity in reflections on gender and sexual orientation**. Many authors discuss such themes in their work, despite the lingering taboo that surrounds them. Talks with LGBTQ+ writers: Nicholas Giguère (Québec), Sylvie Bérard (Ontario), José Claer (Québec), Marie Darsigny (Québec), Pierre-André Doucet (Acadia).

Francophone personalities from coast to coast: Audiences will have the opportunity to hear and meet authors from the four corners of French Canada, ranging from Acadia, with Sébastien Bérubé (*Maudire*

les étoiles, 2019), Jonathan Roy (*Savèches à fragmentation*, 2019) and Paul Bossé (*Un cendrier plein d'ancêtres* and *Averses*) to the Prairies, with Simone Chaput (*Un vent prodigue*) and David Baudemont (*Junk City*, 2020) and British Columbia with Lyne Gareau (*Le Chat Janus*, 2020).

Blog: To each, a voice. The SLGS' new website will feature a poetry nook where visitors can experience "a day in the poets' living room" and read excerpts of prose and poetry accompanied by videos.

Children and family programming

The festival presents a rich program of events for young readers and families, featuring more than a dozen authors, with album reading, hosted discussions, online encounters with authors, illustration workshops and more. Guests: Pierre-Yves Villeneuve, Chloé Varin, Tristan Demers, Diya Lim, Édith Bourget, Simon Lafrance, Dominique de Loppinot, Éric Péladeau, Alexandra Larochelle, Amy Lachapelle, Pierre-Luc Bélanger and Yves Bourgelas. Also: a **surprise performance** with Roger Dubé!

Come and be a part of it all on our new website at LESALONDULIVRE.CA and our Facebook page from Thursday, May 7 to Sunday, May 10, 2020!

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Le Salon du livre du Grand Sudbury extends special thanks to its board members and its volunteers.

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Salon du livre du Grand Sudbury

Le Salon du livre du Grand Sudbury's mission is to promote French language education and reading to general audiences through conferences, workshops and cultural mediation activities that bring together authors and readers of literary works.

Our literary outreach activities foster the pleasure of reading and promote literacy, literature and French-language authors in the pursuit of artistic excellence.



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