

# PLAINS OF ABRAHAM PLAINES D'ABRAHAM

## CULTURAL EVENTS

Summer 2023 | Edwin-Bélanger Bandstand

### JUNE

Music – Thursday, June 15 - Annie Villeneuve (8 p.m.)

Ever since her stint at Star Académie in 2003, Annie Villeneuve has had a never-ending string of projects and enriching experiences. Today, she's a performer at the height of her career.

Let yourself be charmed by her vocal dexterity during an evening interspersed with humour, anecdotes, and togetherness. Each of Annie Villeneuve's shows is unique and tailored to the audience and the place, while changing with the seasons! What more could you want? Enjoy the best of her repertoire, along with the greatest musical hits. Spend a heartwarming evening and cast your mind back to other times. A chance not to be missed!

Family (in French)– Saturday, June 17 - Arthur L'aventurier (2 p.m.)

Way down yonder in Australia

Have you ever wished to explore the far reaches of the world with Arthur L'aventurier? Your child's favourite globetrotter will take you away to Australia! After Africa, Costa Rica, and the Rockies, Arthur will recount this adventure with catchy songs inspired by kangaroo country! Your kids will learn more about Australia's koalas, crocodiles, sharks, and wondrous landscapes. Embark on an adventure with Arthur!

Music – Saturday, June 17 - Pascale Picard (8 p.m.)

Pascale Picard is back with a festive, dance-happy, and astounding show that long-time fans and fresh newbies will love.

On top of presenting her greatest hits, she will do reprises as only she knows how to do. The author/composer/performer, and now radio host will share the stage with a group of seasoned musicians, as well as an emerging guest artist unique to each town she performs in.

Music – Thursday, June 22 – Folklore, il y a longtemps que je t'aime (8 p.m.)

The musical revue *Folklore, il y a longtemps que je t'aime* will be the ultimate homage to Quebec music from the 1920s to the present. From the yesteryears of Beau Dommage to Mitsou, from Harmonium to Marjo, from Les Colocs to Plume Latraverse, and from La Bolduc to Bleu Jeans Bleu.

A great show that will get you singing and dancing, a show staged and performed by four exceptionally talented vocalists and musicians.

### History (in French) – Thursday, June 29 - Si les Plaines m'étaient contées... avec Denis Angers (7 p.m.)

Discover the history of the Plains, as told by the historical commentator Denis Angers. He'll take you back in time, using archival photos from the collection of the National Battlefields Commission.

### Music – Thursday, June 29 – La Musique du Royal 22<sup>e</sup> Régiment (8 p.m.)

The Musique du Royal 22<sup>e</sup> Régiment, a military band for wind and percussion instruments, returns this year with some thirty musicians on stage to offer you a colorful evening. In addition to hearing classic works and pieces from the more recent wind band repertoire, you'll be dazzled by the performances of various soloists, and you certainly won't be able to resist moving to well-known jazz and popular pieces!

Did you know that the Bandstand's namesake, renowned conductor and violinist Edwin Bélanger, was Commandant and Musical Director of the Musique du Royal 22<sup>e</sup> Régiment for 24 years, from 1937 to 1961?

Don't miss this festive summer performance, conducted by Warrant Officers Mélanie Crépeau and Guillaume Poulin.

## JULY

### Music – Saturday, July 1 – Canada Day (8 p.m.)

Canada Day show with surprise guest.

### Music – Thursday, July 20 - Bal Musette (8 p.m.)

There is nothing like this accordionist and his orchestra for recreating the traditional French ambiance of the bal musette. From the dashing Montant to the light-hearted Trenet, from the immortal Piaf to the contemporary Nougaro, this talented accordionist/vocalist will boldly bring to life the classics of French chanson, with a personal touch and a seasoning for current tastes.

### Music – Saturday, July 22 - LBA Band (8 p.m.)

Wherever they go, this group gets everyone on the dance floor and charms the audience with a stunning show!

You'll be not only drawn to the dance floor right away but also captivated by the good vibes from the stage.

Family (in French) – Sunday, July 22 - Théâtre de parcs (11 a.m. to 1 p.m.)

In partnership with the [Théâtre jeunesse Les Gros Becs](#)

Comedians from Théâtre jeunesse Les Gros Becs will meet with families to share their stories. Enjoy short performances brought to life by colorful characters!

Music – Sunday, July 23 - Brigade Opéra (noon)

In partnership with the Festival d'Opéra de Québec

Join in the opera experience! As part of the Festival d'Opéra de Québec, the Brigade Opéra will present *Le Téléphone* by Gian Carlo Menotti, an opera in one act with staging and costumes.

Information (in French): [operadequebec.com](http://operadequebec.com)

Music – Sunday, July 23, to Wednesday, August - Circuit Opéra (2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.)

In partnership with the Festival d'Opéra de Québec

The Festival d'opéra de Québec is offering a pedestrian tour through the heart of downtown to discover opera and its importance in the city's history through seven lyric stations, including the Plains of Abraham.

Information (in French): [operadequebec.com](http://operadequebec.com)

Music – Sunday, July 23 – Brigade Opérette (5 p.m.)

In partnership with the Festival d'Opéra de Québec

Join in the operetta experience! As part of the Festival d'Opéra de Québec, the Brigade Opérette will present *Pomme d'Api* by Jacques Offenbach, an operetta in one act with staging and costumes.

Information (in French): [operadequebec.com](http://operadequebec.com)

Music – Thursday, July 27 - Brigitte Boisjoli (8 p.m.)

Intoxicating, effervescent, heartwarming, fascinating, incarnating ... there are many adjectives for Brigitte Boisjoli's talent and endearing personality. A rare kind of performer, she successfully poured her ardour and colour into the songs of her first two records—*Fruits défendus* (2011) and *Sans regret* (2014)—as she would with the fresh new takes of her subsequent three records—*Patsy Cline* (2015), *Signé Plamondon* (2017), and *Women* (2019).

In May 2022, she came out with 'Mens-moi,' the first excerpt from her next album, slated for release in spring 2023. This piece, a good preview of her future opus, has been soaring on the radio charts. In January 2023, she released a second excerpt 'Partir.'

### Music – Saturday, July 29 - Let's Rock – Jean Ravel (8 p.m.)

Jean Ravel promises to get the stage moving and shaking with his musicians by reviving some of the greatest hits from the 70s and 80s. Knockouts by Foreigner, Journey, Queen, Styx, and many other legends will make a comeback for a party you won't ever forget!

For them, rock has to be felt in your bones ... and in everyone else's!

### Family (in French) – Sunday, July 30 - Théâtre de parcs (1 p.m. to 3 p.m.)

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## AUGUST

### Music – Thursday, August 3 - Étienne Drapeau – Le show latino (8 p.m.)

Have fun and dance to the most popular and frenzied tunes of international Latino-pop! Étienne Drapeau will perform classics by Ricky Martin, Santana, Enrique Iglesias, Marc Anthony, Elvis Crespo, and many others, in addition to offering some of the greatest hits from his own repertoire and sung in Spanish.

Let yourself be enchanted by the tempo of salsa, merengue, pop, reggaeton, bachata... and rediscover Étienne Drapeau as you've never imagined him!

### Family (in French) – Saturday, August 5 - Brindille et Charlot (2 p.m.)

Discover a story of adventure and fantasy intermixed with humour, magic, dance, acrobatics, and impersonations. Made for a wide audience, this show will highlight the importance of friendship, mutual assistance, and perseverance.

Charlot is a happy vagabond with a little Chihuahua sidekick called Brindille. One day, he discovers a magic trash can that will make all sorts of things appear, with each one funnier than the last!

### Music – Saturday, August 5 – Joseph Sarenhes (7 p.m.)

In partnership with Radio-Canada

Of Guinean and Indigenous parentage (Huron-Wendat Nation), Joseph Sarenhes intuitively creates a mix that is both consistent and refreshing, somewhere between tradition and current trends. His style is sometimes hip hop, sometimes rock, and sometimes R&B, while incorporating traditional Afro-First Nation elements. He pours his soul into the piano, the guitar, and African drumming, thereby creating a thrilling and unbelievably energetic ambiance, to which he adds his voice and message.

2023 Révélation Radio-Canada, he shapes his music into a unifying medium that will inspire and positively impact young people from Indigenous and other communities.

### Music – Saturday, August 5 – Waahli (8 p.m.)

In partnership with Radio-Canada

Waahli is a Montreal artist whose parents were born in Haiti. Raised in a family where music was always present, he heard traditional Haitian melodies while in the cradle and taught himself to play the guitar. Despite many influences from Haitian music, he went on to develop his own style through hip hop.

With the tempo of his roots, his breathtaking demonstrations of beatboxing, and his well-honed gift of speech, Waahli offers an alternative hip hop that will carry you off to the four corners of the world. Sung in English, French, and Haitian Creole, his songs are a lively, upbeat intersectionality of rap, Afrobeat, and Haitian culture.

He is one of the 2023 Révélations Radio-Canada.

### Music – Sunday, August 6 - Yordan Martinez & The Cuban Martinez Show (3 p.m.)

Founded in 2010, this popular Montreal band is renowned for its interactive, Caribbean-flavored shows. Led by Cuban trombonist and arranger Yordan Martinez, The Cuban Martinez Show offers an energetic, spontaneous and rhythmic musical experience!

True to their roots, these artists offer a show of traditional Cuban and Afro-Cuban music, with powerful, jazz-influenced arrangements! Very active on the Quebec scene, the band travels to the finest cabarets and concert halls, as well as to parties and festivals all over the province. Their show is a must for lovers of Cuba and of world music.

### Music – Thursday, August 10 – Le Band à Boivin (7 p.m.)

In partnership with Radio-Canada

A francophone rock group from the Quebec City area, Le Band à Boivin was founded in 2011 by their leader Marc-André Boivin. Their first album, *60 minutes avant la fin*, was launched in 2014. The group became popular through its politically flavoured songs and its raw, direct style of rock. Everything fell into place in 2018 with the release of a second album *Atterrissage forcé*—an even heavier opus that includes collaborations with the rappers Webster and Rich Hard from Black Taboo.

In recent years, the band has also produced four Christmas songs, which have raked in nearly \$100,000 for the *Corporation du Noël des enfants - le cadeau du savoir* (the gift of knowledge). The money was raised for young people from less fortunate families to help them stay in school. This autumn, Le Band à Boivin will launch a third album: *Tout va pour le mieux dans le meilleur des mondes*.

### Music – Thursday, August 10 - Martin Deschamps (8 p.m.)

This unwavering rocker, known for his spirit and powerful voice, will be presenting a new “southwest” style of show. You’ll discover a delightful mix of genres—rock, blues, and country! Inspired by his favourite southern rock groups, Deschamps proudly adds a “rural” touch to his compositions through words that portray images from life and through music that speaks to his roots.

He’ll get you dancing and singing in a very festive mood with his best hits—some new pieces, and lots of “spicy” old ones! Join the party!

### Family (in French) – Saturday, August 12 – Marimba (2 p.m.)

Through a medley of children’s songs, Marimba will present the many wacky characters who inhabit her colourful imaginary world. The songs are from her first album, released in early 2022. Always dynamic, she introduces each song with humour and fantasy, and the audience is invited to dance and sing along. A fun-filled and entertaining activity!

### History (in French) – Saturday, August 12 - Tall tales (8 p.m.)

Through the tall tales of storytellers Francis Désilets, Marc-André Fortin, and Jean-Philippe Marcotte, you’ll discover the hard, tumultuous life of Quebec City’s 19th century inhabitants and why, in those days, it was not advisable to sleep outdoors on the Plains of Abraham.

Come and listen to tales of bygone times, against a backdrop of music and emotion!

### Music – Thursday, August 17 - Joël Thibault & The Outsiders (8 p.m.)

The Outsiders will be jazzing up a series of hits, including ‘Suite Madame Blue,’ ‘Show me the Way,’ and ‘Babe.’ There’s also going to be a guest vocalist who will stay true to the melody and words with a voice like Denys De Young in his prime.

An evening filled with surprises and memories. Styx lovers will love it!

### Family (in French) – Saturday, August 19 - Kid Kouna (2 p.m.)

Embark on a series of adventures with Kid Kouna! This personification of a little kid in elementary school will be accompanied by his musicians, playing the role of teachers. The show is sometimes interactive and will be ideal for children.

### Music – Saturday, August 19 - Scott-Pien Picard (8 p.m.)

From the North Shore community of Uashat Mak Maliotenam, this author/composer/performer composes his songs in Innu, his mother tongue, a rich and vivid language. In his youth he felt inspired by the groups Maten and Kashtin, developed a passion for music, and began strumming the guitar. In 2015, he was on the Montreal TV program Le Rythme 3, directed by Samian. For some years now, he has taken part in Nikamun

Mamuitun (Songs that bring people together), a superb get-together for Indigenous and non-Indigenous artists.

Scott-Pien Picard has been active on the Indigenous music scene, performing in many communities across Quebec. He was recently crowned Le Talent Bleu du Québec by the audience of the program La Semaine des 4 Julie, and in March 2022 he released his second album. He delivers a lively folk performance and is inviting you to discover the depth and diversity of Innu culture.

### Family (in French) – Sunday, August 20 - Théâtre de parcs (1 p.m. to 3 p.m.)

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### Music – Thursday, August 24 – Le Band à Boivin (7 p.m.)

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### Music – Thursday, August 24 - Coco Country Band (8 p.m.)

The Coco Country Band began in a pedagogical context but its members soon discovered the enthusiasm and motivation they had within their group. They decided to pursue a calling that would take them to ever greater heights. These young, dynamic, and passionate musicians have over a hundred festivals to their credit. Come and join them to discover country music!

### Music – Saturday, August 26 – Hugo&Lou (7 p.m.)

This voice and guitar duo has been performing on Quebec stages for over two years with a unique complicity! They present covers of classic pop, blues, jazz and folk songs.

### Music – Saturday, August 26 - Daniel Boucher (8 p.m.)

This showman and poet from an alternate universe has been shaping the imagination of audiences all over Quebec. Daniel Boucher is inviting you to celebrate with him and his high-powered band!

'La Désise,' 'Boules à mites,' 'Chez nous,' 'Deviens-tu c'que t'as voulu?,' 'Le poète des temps gris,' 'Un inconnu'... All those songs and many others in a show that combines energy, love, social conscience and, above all, music!

### Family (in French) – Sunday, August 27 - Théâtre de parcs (1 p.m. to 3 p.m.)

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