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**LE VENT DU NORD:  
INTERNATIONALLY ACCLAIMED QUÉBÉCOIS  
FOLK SENSATION, COMING TO LONDON ON APRIL 19**



**Le Vent du Nord** from left to right: André Brunet (fiddle, foot-tapping, vocals); Réjean Brunet (bass, diatonic accordion, jaw harp, piano, vocals); Olivier Demers (fiddle, guitar, foot-tapping, mandolin, vocals); André Gagné (vocals, bouzouki, guitar); Nicolas Boulerice (vocals, electro acoustic hurdy-gurdy, piano). Photo: Marc Mongrain

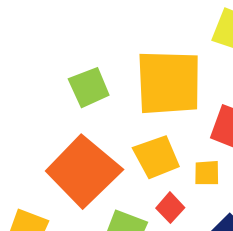
**LE VENT DU NORD  
Friday, April 19, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.**

**LONDON, April 10, 2024** – Get ready for an evening to remember! The award winning band, **Le Vent du Nord** and **London Symphonia** are teaming up for an exuberant performance of traditional and contemporary Québécois music that promises to be an old fashioned kitchen party filled with joy, camaraderie and spirited music!

**Le Vent du Nord** is a leading force in Québec's exciting and progressive Francophone folk movement. The group's vast repertoire draws from both traditional sources and original compositions, while their highly rhythmic and soulful music, rooted in the Celtic diaspora, is enhanced with a broad range of global influences.

"The Sunfest team is extremely excited to join with **London Symphonia** in presenting one of the most iconic traditional Québécois groups today, **Le Vent du Nord**, in concert with **London Symphonia**," said Alfredo Caxaj, C.M., Co-Artistic Director, Sunfest.

"This unique collaboration, which brings the beauty of tradition and classical sounds



together in this most expressive form, will make this a historical and memorable evening of inspiring music not to be missed.”

The group performs on a host of instruments that include hurdy-gurdy, jaw harp, guitar, and accordion with richly harmonized songs and instrumentals. In looking beyond the standard approaches to tradition in their collaborations, **Le Vent du Nord** has created a symphonic concert that, according to Voir Montreal, “puts all traditional folk naysayers to shame.” This is the modern sound of tradition, a music of the here and now.

“The orchestra presence in a show like this adds more colours and fun to an already rollicking party atmosphere,” said Andrew Chung, Artistic Producer, **London Symphonia**.

“**Le Vent du Nord** performs all over Europe and North America. What they do is vital and unique in presenting the Québécois folk music tradition in such an engaging way.

**London Symphonia** is very much looking forward to sharing the stage with **Le Vent Du Nord**. We are proud to work with Sunfest on bringing these exceptional performers to London, expanding the range of music already in our season, and expanding the musical horizons of our musicians.”

Since it was founded in 2002, **Le Vent du Nord** has enjoyed a meteoric rise, playing more than 2,500 concerts around the world, including at Carnegie Hall in New York City and the Barbican Centre in London, England.

Tickets are \$52 Regular seating, \$70 Premium Seating, \$22 Students plus fees and HST. Tickets are available online at [londonsymphonia.ca](http://londonsymphonia.ca) and at the door.

## **LISTING INFORMATION**

### **LONDON SYMPHONIA CONCERT**

*Le Vent du Nord with London Symphonia*

Scott Good, conductor

Fri. Apr. 19 at 7:30 pm

Doors open at 6:30 pm

Metropolitan United, 468 Wellington St, London, ON N6A 3P8

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*London Symphonia is deeply grateful to the continued support of the London Arts Council, Canada Council for the Arts, and the Ontario Arts Council.*

## **ABOUT LE VENT DU NORD**

The award-winning **Le Vent du Nord** (The North Wind) is a leading force in Quebec’s progressive francophone folk movement and a key group in the renaissance of Quebec’s traditional music. The group’s vast repertoire draws from both traditional sources and original compositions, while enhancing its hard-driving soulful music (rooted in the Celtic diaspora) with a broad range of global influences. Since its inception in August 2002, Le Vent du Nord has enjoyed meteoric success, performing well over 2,500 concerts over four continents and receiving several prestigious awards, including a Grand Prix du Disque Charles Cros, two JUNO Awards, a Félix at ADISQ, a Canadian Folk Music Award, and

“Artist of the Year” at the North American Folk Alliance Annual Gala. The group has appeared regularly on Canadian, American, French, and UK television and radio; played recently at major festivals such as Celtic Connections, WOMAD Chile, WOMADelaide, and WOMAD New Zealand; and collaborated and performed with a diverse range of artists, including Väsen, Dervish, The Chieftains, Breton musical pioneer Yann-Fañch Kemener, Québécois roots legend Michel Faubert, singer Julie Fowlis, and the trans-Mediterranean ensemble Constantinople. Le Vent du Nord created a symphonic concert to provide a bridge between the symphonic and Quebec traditional music.

## **ABOUT LONDON SYMPHONIA**

London Symphonia is a professional symphony orchestra committed to performing vibrant and bold musical experiences for London and the region. With a core of 30 players, our versatile group meets the community’s needs for quality programming by presenting well-known symphonies, Canadian premieres, and collaborations with some of Canada’s finest singer-songwriters. We deliver a rich, artistic experience by seeking out the most accomplished performers and conductors representing a blend of locally, nationally and internationally recognized talent. A registered charitable organization, we perform a number of outreach and music education engagements each season for students and seniors in our community.

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