



# LES CHAUFFEURS À PIEDS

Reels, jigs  
& traditional  
French-Canadian  
songs

## Emblematic folk music band from Quebec

The Quebec City band has recently launched its seventh album entitled *Les Chats jaunes ne meurent jamais* (Yellow Cats Never Die). This album includes several original songs along with music drawn from the traditional Quebec repertoire, redefining once again the limits of energetic folk music.

Les Chauffeurs à Pieds are proud heirs of rich musical family traditions. Louis-Simon Lemieux is the latest of several generations of fiddlers and foot tappers from the Gaspé peninsula. Since his tenderest youth, he has performed in kitchens and on stages with his father, with whom he also recorded two lively albums. Antoine Gauthier, a proud representative of the Quebec City fiddling style, recorded an album of his own original jigs & reels accompanied by his mother on piano. Alongside this generationally transmitted know-how, Benoît Fortier brings classical training at the graduate level in musical arrangement and interpretation for French horn and chamber music (not to mention the fact that he is the best recorder player in Canada). Rounding off the band,

[Musical excerpts](#)

Olivier Soucy impresses with his very creative traditional guitar skills.

The four Chauffeurs are also vocalists with a fair number of songs up their sleeve. They have inherited the vocal timbres and unique way of singing of the elders who taught them. This legacy includes an impressive repertoire of traditional songs.

With seven albums, several nominations for important awards, involvement in regional and international festivals, numerous radio and television broadcasts, collaborative projects with renowned musicians, laudatory praise from the popular media and from specialized publications, not to mention plenty of verve and musical intelligence, **Les Chauffeurs à Pieds** are a sure-fire bet for an electrifying event. They are also available for ceilidhs, workshops, or classes.

The band manages its own independent label: **Scorbut Records**.

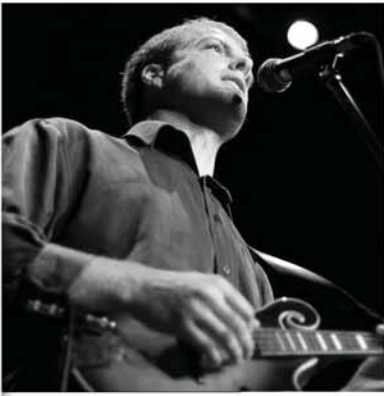
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**Antoine Gauthier**

fiddle, mandolin,  
vocals



**Olivier Soucy**

guitar, harmonica,  
vocals



**Louis-Simon Lemieux**

fiddle, harmonica,  
foot tapping, vocals



**Benoît Fortier**

recorder, French horn,  
harmonica, acoustic bass,  
piano, vocals

## Past shows

A few events featuring  
Les Chauffeurs à Pieds:

### Québec :

Festival d'été de Québec  
Carnaval de Québec  
Festival international des arts traditionnels, Québec  
Festival Mémoire et Racines, Joliette  
Les FrancoFolies de Montréal  
Festival celtique international de Montréal  
La Grande rencontre, Montréal  
Mondial des cultures, Drummondville  
Festival La Virée, Carleton

### Rest of Canada :

Vancouver Folk Music Festival, British-Columbia  
Mission Folk Music Festival, British-Columbia  
North Country Fair, Alberta  
Winnipeg Folk Festival, Manitoba  
Festival du Voyageur, Manitoba  
Harbourfront Centre, Ontario  
Celtic Roots Festival, Ontario  
Lunenburg Folk Harbour Festival, Nova Scotia

### United States :

Chicago Celtic Fest, Illinois  
Cityfolk Festival, Ohio  
New Bedford Summerfest, Massachusetts

### Europe :

BBC Radio 2 Cambridge Folk Festival, England  
XVIIth Commonwealth Games, England  
Sidmouth Folk Week, England  
Warwick Folk Festival, England  
Brampton Live Festival, England  
Celtic Connections, Scotland  
Skagen Festival, Denmark  
Gooikoorts Volksmusik festival, Belgium  
Picnic Festival, Belgium  
Festival Musiques et Traditions, Belgium  
Festival Awaranda, France  
Festival Interceltique de Lorient, France  
Festival des musiques d'ici et d'ailleurs, France  
Festival Il Mondo in Musica, Italy

### Australia

Port Fairy Folk Festival  
Blue Mountains Music Festival

### Africa :

Xe Sommet de la Francophonie,  
Burkina Faso

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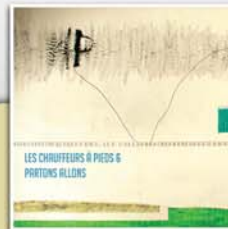
[facebook.com/leschauffeurs](https://facebook.com/leschauffeurs)

"An outstanding blend of energy and warmth. Les Chauffeurs à Pieds may have given us their best album so far!"

Yves Bernard,  
Le devoir,  
January 11th 2013



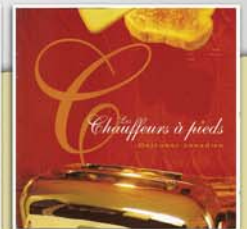
Les chats jaunes ne meurent jamais  
2012



Partons Allons  
2008



Au studio des trois lits  
2006



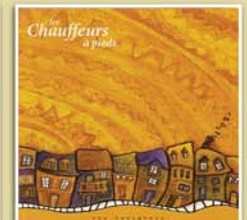
Déjeuner canadien  
2004



Les Chauffeurs à pieds III  
2002



Frapabor et persoreille  
2000



Rue Lavigneur  
1999