



Les
Rendez-vous de la
Franco
phonie
March 1 to 31, 2021

What are the Rendez-vous de la Francophonie?

Les Rendez-vous de la Francophonie (RVF) is part of the events surrounding the Journée Internationale de la Francophonie (March 20), which is organized every year around the world to promote the French language and its numerous cultural expressions! Throughout the month of March, Canada will be celebrating its Francophonie! Hundreds of activities will take place across the country, multicultural meetings, performances, film screenings, contests and educational activities. In light of the pandemic, all the activities will be presented in an innovative fashion.

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This year's slogan is **"ACADIA, at the heart of my country! One language, thousands of stories."**

This theme will showcase Acadians' contributions to Canada's cultural fabric and recognize their historical presence in our country as well as their distinct culture in all its diversity. This year's theme will also allow Canadians to learn more about Acadian people and their importance in our society. On behalf of la Fédération culturelle de l'Î.-P.-É. and la Société acadienne et francophone de l'Î.-P.-É., we wish you great joy during les Rendez-vous de la Francophonie 2021!

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

March 1 to 31, 2021

★ = FREE

Due to the current situation with the COVID-19 pandemic, participants in the Rendez-vous de la Francophonie activities on Prince Edward Island are asked to follow the health guidelines put in place by PEI Chief Public Health Office. Participants are asked to wear a face mask and maintain social distancing (2 m) in public areas. Please also note that due to capacity limits, registration is mandatory for many community events.

• MARCH 1ST -7TH •

Giant Snow Sculptures at home ★

To celebrate the 23rd Rendez-vous de la Francophonie, families in the Évangéline's region are invited to participate in a giant snow sculpture contest in the comfort of your own yard under the theme "Acadia, at the heart of my country!". All you have to do is register and your block of snow will be created by our team of volunteers. Great prizes will be awarded for the best sculptures and those that best represent the theme. Let your imagination run wild! This free activity will take place the week of March 1 to 7. Please note that if Mother Nature does not provide enough snow, the dates will be pushed back a week.

♦ **INFO:** CSCÉ - To reserve your block of snow contact Annette Richard - (902) 854-2166 ext. 2

• MONDAY, MARCH 1ST •

10:30 a.m. RVF 2021 Opening Ceremony ★

♦ **LOCATION:** Memorial Hall (Confederation Centre of the Arts), Charlottetown

♦ **INFO:** Registration is mandatory (spaces are limited): florian.enjalbal@ssta.org

Storm date: Tuesday, March 3 at 10:30 a.m.

• WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3RD •

7 p.m. Finals of Francophone Ignition Contest ★

Four finalists will appear before a jury of entrepreneurship experts to explain their entrepreneurial project idea in seven minutes. The judges will determine the winner. They will be presented with a \$25,000 investment and other prizes. Reservations are required by February 26th: josee@rdeeipe.org or (902) 854-3439 ext. 228.

♦ **LOCATION:** Village Musical Acadien, Abram-Village

♦ **INFO:** RDÉE Î.-P.-É. Julie Gallant: julie@rdéeipe.org

• THURSDAY, MARCH 4TH •

6-7 p.m. Acadian cooking class for adults

In honour of the RVF - Acadia at the heart of my country, come and cook a typical Acadian dish at the Carrefour de l'Isle-Saint-Jean. \$15 per person

♦ **LOCATION:** Carrefour ISJ, Charlottetown

♦ **INFO:** Registration required - haifa@carrefourisj.org

• FRIDAY, MARCH 5TH •

5:30 - 8:30 p.m. RVF 2021 Opening Celebration Pt. 1 ★

Acadie de l'Île: hier, aujourd'hui et demain !

Meal and screening of the film Acadie de l'Île: hier, aujourd'hui et demain presented during the Acadie 300 ÎPÉ celebrations in August 2020 with panelists who participated in the filming from 3 of the 6 francophone regions that are partners in this representation. Meal (Pizza; vegetarian option, gluten free)

Lunch at 5:30 pm and the movie starts at 6 pm.

♦ **LOCATION:** Belle-Alliance Centre, Summerside

♦ **INFO:** Registration required: receptionba@ssta.org / (902) 888 1681

• SATURDAY, MARCH 6TH •

6 p.m. RVF 2021 Opening Celebration Pt 2. ★

Une pièce sur la COVID-19, Quoi, trop tôt?

Paul D. Gallant's newest play takes a humorous and touching look at the theme of COVID-19. The production "Une pièce sur COVID-19. Quoi trop tôt?" "features Wayne Robichaud and author Paul D Gallant.

♦ **LOCATION:** Belle-Alliance Centre, Summerside

♦ **INFO:** Registration required before March 3rd : receptionba@ssta.org / (902) 888 1681

• SUNDAY, MARCH 7TH •

2 p.m. Museum Talk " What Old Photos Can Teach Us " ★

Our guest speaker, Georges Arsenault will show us part of his vast collection of photos and shares how to recognize aspects of Acadian life from the past through them.

♦ **LOCATION:** Musée acadien de l'ÎPÉ, Miscouche

♦ **INFO:** Registration required: museeacadien@gmail.com / (902) 432 2880

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• TUESDAY, MARCH 9TH •

5-7 p.m. La Mi-Carême in Acadia: sharing traditions ! ★

With our guest speaker Georges Arsenault, the CAFE invites you to a moment of discovery of la Mi-Carême ! An opportunity to share with the community the memories and traditions of this feast to bring them back to life! Event will be in person and streamed live on Facebook.

♦ **LOCATION:** Pavillon de l'Est, Rollo Bay

♦ **INFO :** Registration required - cafe@ssta.org

• WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10TH •

6 p.m. La Coopérative d'intégration francophone Open House ★

Come and learn more about the services of La CIF in Charlottetown and have a great time with music and snacks.

♦ **LOCATION:** The Arts Hotel, 155 Kent Street, Charlottetown

♦ **INFO:** Registration required - mohsin@cifi.ca / (902) 940 4910

• FRIDAY, MARCH 12TH •

5-7 p.m. La Mi-Carême ★

A beautiful Acadian evening with music by Caroline Bernard, Rémi Arsenault and family, Samantha Arsenault and step dancers; a visit from the Mi-Carême and a session of laughter yoga by Jeannita Bernard. On the menu: chicken fricot, râpures, galette blanche and dessert. Show up in a costume to win prizes! Free family activity, but with paid dinner at the prices of \$7.50 for the general public, \$5 for children 12 and under and \$20 for the family. Bar open.

♦ **LOCATION:** Village Musical Acadien, Abram-Village

♦ **INFO:** info@villagemusical.ca / (902) 854 3300

5:30 - 8:30 p.m. Acadie de l'Île : hier, aujourd'hui et demain ★

Screening of the film Acadie de l'Île : hier, aujourd'hui et demain presented during the Acadie 300 ÎPÉ celebrations in August 2020 with panelists who participated in the filming and who represent the 3 of the 6 francophone regions that are partners in this representation. Free popcorn, meal provided and cash bar.

♦ **LOCATION:** Carrefour ISJ, Charlottetown

♦ **INFO:** IRegistration required - Eventbrite/ haifa@carrefourisj.org

• SATURDAY, MARCH 13TH •

10-11:30 a.m. Morning Sweetness ★

Parents and children will have a gentle moment of learning by cooking together at the Carrefour ISJ under the guidance of Chef Pierre. Activity in partnership with Cap Enfants.

♦ **LOCATION:** Carrefour ISJ, Charlottetown

♦ **INFO:** Registration required - www.capenfants.ca

10 a.m. Celebrating la Mi-Carême

Les Francophones de l'Age d'Or are pleased to invite you to celebrate la Mi-Carême in Acadia, in the heart of my country! Social activity (quiz & bingo), conference about La Chandeleur, Mardi-Gras and La Mi-Carême, Acadian dinner, prizes for best costume and door prizes. 8\$ for FAOIEPE members.

♦ **LOCATION:** Village Musical Acadien, Abram-Village

♦ **INFO:** Registration required before March 2nd : assocfoipe@gmail.com / (902) 854 2166 ext 2

12-3 p.m. Sugar Shack ★

Join us for our traditional sugar shack. Come and enjoy taffy, baked beans, pancakes, and other maple dishes.

♦ **LOCATION:** Belle-Alliance Centre, Summerside

♦ **INFO :** Registration is mandatory : receptionba@ssta.org / (902) 888 1681

8-10:30 p.m. Trivia evening with Paul Deveau ★

The Trivia evening, organized by CAFE, is an opportunity to open the door of our francophone center to the larger community of the region. Donations to the Souris food bank will be accepted. Bilingual 19 + event with open bar. Bilingual evening

♦ **LOCATION:** Pavillon de l'Est, Rollo Bay

♦ **INFO:** Registration required - cafe@ssta.org

• SUNDAY, MARCH 14TH •

12:30 - 2 p.m. Skating with family and friends ★

Bring your skates and come join us on the ice with family and friends in a fun and safe atmosphere. Francophone music will be playing during skating time. Free activity; open to all.

♦ **LOCATION:** North Star Arena (22 Recreation Street, North Rustico)

♦ **INFO:** Registration required - www.conseilacadienrustico.org or 902-963-3252

1 p.m. Induction Ceremony of the PEI Acadian and Francophone Entrepreneurial Hall of Fame ★

CCAFLIPE will officially induct the 16 past winners of its Distinguished Entrepreneur and Lauriers de la PME national awards into its new PEI Acadian and Francophone Entrepreneurial Hall of Fame.

♦ **LOCATION:** Village Musical Acadien, Abram-Village

♦ **INFO:** Registration required - josee@rdeeipe.org or (902) 854 3439 ext. 228

2 p.m. Museum Talk "Collecting, Preserving and Sharing Prince Edward Island's Traditional Acadian Songs" ★

Guest speaker Georges Arsenault will talk about his experience collecting traditional Acadian songs and how musical groups like Barchois gave them a new life.

♦ **LOCATION:** PEI Acadian Museum, Miscouche

♦ **INFO:** Registration required - museeacadien@gmail.com / (902) 432 2880

3 p.m. 2020 Entrepreneurs' Gala ★

CCAFLIPE will present eight awards or special recognitions to deserving business people from the Island's francophone community at the gala, which was scheduled for March 2020 but was cancelled. This is the largest francophone business recognition event of the year.

Admission is free, reservations are required by March 8 - josee@rdeeipe.org or (902) 854 3430 ext. 228.

♦ **LOCATION:** Village Musical Acadien, Abram-Village

♦ **INFO :** RDÉE Î.-P.-É. Raymond J. Arsenault, (902) 854 3439 ext. 231

• WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17TH •

6:30 - 8:30 p.m. CAFE Book Club! ★

The book club, organized by CAFE, is an opportunity to create discussions about reading in French as a priority, but also in English.

Adult activity: 19 + Open bar

📍 **LOCATION:** Pavillon de l'Est, Rollo Bay

📞 **INFO:** Registration required - cafe@ssta.org

• FRIDAY, MARCH 19TH •

5:30 – 9 p.m. Jeo-Parody Night - Launch of the Eastern Women's Circle ★

In partnership with Actions Femmes, CAFE invites all the women of the Eastern region to a friendly evening for the launch of the Eastern Women's Circle! An opportunity to get together over a meal and enjoy a special live concert and Jeo-Parody. Open bar.

📍 **LOCATION:** Pavillon de l'Est, Rollo Bay

📞 **INFO:** Registration required – cafe@ssta.org

• SATURDAY, MARCH 20TH •

7:30 p.m. Partons, la mer est belle - a show featuring Jacques Arsenault

To celebrate International Francophonie Day, the Confederation Centre of the Arts in partnership with the Fédération culturelle invites you to an evening of classical French melodies, Acadian songs and cabaret-style songs. Jacques, who will be accompanied by Morgan Saulnier, will also perform some songs in English. Due to health restrictions, the Centre can only sell 48 tickets.

📍 **LOCATION:** The Mack, Confederation Centre of the Arts, Charlottetown

📞 **INFO:** Call 1-800-566-1267 or 1-800-565-0278 to purchase your tickets or visit the box office or website at www.confederationcentre.com

• THURSDAY, MARCH 25TH •

6:30-8 p.m. Swing Dance Workshop ★

Have some fun with Anna Keenan and Robert Van Waarden while learning some Lindy Hop style Swing dance steps. A fun and entertaining evening for all levels! No experience required. Smiles guaranteed!

📍 **LOCATION:** Centre acadien du Grand-Rustico, Rustico

📞 **INFO:** Registration required: www.conseilacadienrustico.org or 902-963-3252

• FRIDAY, MARCH 26TH •

5-8 p.m. Acadian Kitchen Party ★

An evening steeped in Acadian culture, beginning with storytelling by Noëlla Richard, followed by a cooking party.

Free event / Paid meal: adults \$18 / Child over 6 years old \$9 / Child under 6 years old free / Family (2 parents + 2 children) \$50

📍 **LOCATION:** Carrefour ISJ, Charlottetown

📞 **INFO :** Registration required - Eventbrite / haifa@carrefourisj.org

• SUNDAY, MARCH 28TH •

7 p.m. (moonrise at 7:34 p.m.) Hiking under the full moon ★

Come discover le Sentier de nos racines (Trail) on snowshoes under the full moon. Activity open to all and adapted to all levels. Hot chocolate and a snack will be served following the activity, as well as a campfire for sharing stories (weather permitting).

📍 **LOCATION:** Centre acadien du Grand-Rustico

📞 **INFO:** IRegistration required - www.conseilacadienrustico.org or 902-963-3252

VIRTUAL RVE EVENTS

• MARCH 1ST - 31ST •

Fun Francophonie themed videos ★

The Conseil acadien de Rustico and its partners will share mini video vignettes via social media throughout the Rendez-vous de la francophonie this month. These vignettes are intended to be fun and humorous, highlighting different Acadian expressions, while raising public awareness of the Francophonie in all its diversity.

📞 **INFO:** Conseil acadien de Rustico - Facebook @conseilacadienrustico

"Show us your oldest photos" Contest ★

Do you have old photos you want to share with us? Post the oldest photo in your collection on our Facebook page @MuseeacadienIPE with a description of the place and people in the photo for a chance to win the new book "L'Acadie de l'Île-du-Prince-Édouard: 300 ans d'histoire". The draw of all participants will take place on April 1st..

📞 **INFO:** Musée acadien de l'ÎPE – museeacadien@gmail.com

PEI Libraries -Virtual Activities ★

Visit our Facebook and Instagram @peilibrary pages during the month of March for a series of online activities. Every Monday, Mrs. Colette, Mrs. Julie and Mrs. Sarah will give book suggestions for you and your family.

March 15 – Bilingual Digital Scavenger Hunt on Facebook and Instagram

March 16 – Story time with Madame Sarah on Zoom

March 15 - 19 – Do-it-yourself with Ms. Julie every lunch hour on Facebook and Instagram

📞 **INFO:** Visit the Facebook page and Instagram @peilibrary for more information.

Grouille avec Acajoux ★

This contest is intended to encourage everyone in PEI to get out and get active. It's important in the winter to get busy and stay healthy. For every 15 minutes of physical activity the person gets an energy carrot for Acajoux (examples of activities: Playing in the snow, snowshoeing, skating, etc.) Great prizes to be won.

📞 **INFO:** Visit the Facebook page of the Comité régional des Jeux de l'Acadie for registration.

• FRIDAY, MARCH 5TH •

7 - 9 p.m. Virtual dance party with DJ Bones! ★

Do you miss the pre-pandemic dance parties? Join us on Friday, March 5th for a great virtual dance with DJ Bones. Turn your living room into a dance floor and invite your friends and family to connect with you! Special musical requests are possible.

📞 **INFO:** Bienvenue Évangéline – CIF ÎPE : manu@cifipe.ca

• MONDAY, MARCH 8 •

All day The Echo of Women: In 2021, we're moving towards pay equity! ★

On the occasion of International Women's Rights Day, join francophone women who will be virtually walking together across Canada! Alone or in small groups, on the street or in your living room, join the movement by walking/running/rolling or even dancing! The important thing is to move for equity! For more information and to order your free tuques, visit the Women's Actions website: afcipe.ca or our Facebook page @ActionsFemmesIPE

📞 **INFO:** Action Femmes : maryne@afipe.ca

• FRIDAY, MARCH 12TH •

Musical performance ★

Watch an online music show for youth and the community on Facebook @centreacadien.deprinceouest to celebrate "Mon cœur est Acadien". Presented by the Centre acadien de Prince-Ouest

📞 **INFO:** Conseil Rév. S.-É. Perrey : sylvia@sepperrey.org

• TUESDAY, MARCH 16TH •

Story time on Zoom ★

Ms. Sarah, from the Dr. J.-Edmond-Arsenault Library, presents a story hour for children aged 3 to 6 and their families. There will be stories, rhymes and songs.

📞 **INFO:** Registration before 4:00 p.m. on March 16 - plshq@gov.pe.ca

• THURSDAY, MARCH 18TH •

1 p.m. Art Party on Zoom ★

To celebrate RVE, Canadian Parents for French invites you to a bilingual art session to learn how to paint the Acadian flag on Zoom with East Coast Art Party.

📞 **INFO:** Registration - cpfpeiprojects@gmail.com

• FRIDAY, MARCH 19TH •

2-3 p.m. Franco Cinema ★

Le Kacho, a student bar at the Université de Moncton, closed since 1996, is reborn through the marriage of archival footage and recent testimony, presenting the political and social demands of the late 1960s in Acadia. Film for an audience over 16 years old

📞 **INFO:** Carrefour ISJ - Broadcast on the Facebook page @carrefourIPE

• SUNDAY, MARCH 21ST •

Online concert with Michael Pendergast ★

Canadian Parents for French presents Michael Pendergast on Facebook Live. Offered during the March break to bring a little French into your home. Get ready to have some foot tapping fun!

📞 **INFO :** Facebook @CanadianParentsforFrenchPEI

• THURSDAY, MARCH 25TH •

7 p.m. Museum Talk with historian André-Carl Vachon ★

Renowned historian and author André-Carl Vachon will give a talk on the history of l'Isle Saint-Jean's Acadian history during the deportation. This talk will be delivered on our Facebook page @MuseeacadienIPE.

📞 **INFO:** Musée acadien de l'ÎPE – museeacadien@gmail.com

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