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“Il était un poème” Contest Rules – Public Voting

The “Il était un poème” contest is organized by the Dialogue Network (herein referred to as the “contest organizers”) as part of the 2025 Rendez-vous de la Francophonie (RVF).

ELIGIBILITY

The “Il était un poème” contest, which is part of the 2025 RVF, is open to all residents of Canada who have reached the age of majority under the laws in their province or territory of residence. The contest is not open to representatives or employees of the Dialogue Network, members of the 2025 RVF national coordination team or to the persons with whom the aforementioned persons reside.

CONTEST PERIOD

The 2025 RVF “Il était un poème” contest begins on March 1, 2025, at 8:00 a.m. (ET) and ends on March 31, 2025, at 11:59 p.m. (ET).

CONTEST INSTRUCTIONS

To vote for your favourite video, all you have to do is:

- Watch the finalists’ videos
- Click on your favourite video to select it
- Fill out the online entry form (<https://rvf.ca/en/contests/il-etait-un-poeme/>), making sure to answer all the questions

You can submit one entry form per day in each category. All eligible entries will be entered into a draw.

Entry forms must be submitted online no later than 11:59 p.m. (ET) on March 31, 2025.

The entries received will be deemed to have been submitted by the authorized account holder of the email address assigned to that person by an Internet access provider, an online service provider or any other organization (such as a company or an educational institution) responsible for assigning email addresses for the domain associated with the email address submitted.

PRIZES

At the end of the contest, the finalist with the most votes in the “general public” category will receive a prize including the following:

- An invitation to take part in the Festival international de Slam-Poésie en Acadie
- A \$1000 voucher from VIA Rail Canada for an unforgettable train trip
- \$1000 spending money to cover their travel expenses
- A Parks Canada Discovery Pass for their family

At the end of the contest, the finalist with the most votes in the “school” category will receive a prize including the following:

- A virtual workshop, “Page blanche,” given by RVF spokesperson Guyaume Boulianne to the winning student’s class
- A box of books from the Regroupement des éditeurs franco-canadiens
- A Parks Canada Discovery Pass for the student’s family

Each eligible entry gives you a chance to win a \$500 participation prize.

The \$500 participation prize will be drawn at random from among the eligible entries received during the contest period (from March 1 to 31, 2025).

No purchase is required.

GENERAL CONDITIONS

The draw for the participation prize will be held in the Dialogue Network offices between April 1 and 4, 2025. The winner will be drawn from among all eligible entries received online from March 1 to 31, 2025. The chances of winning the participation prize depend on the total number of eligible entries received during the contest period.

The contest organizers will try to contact the winner by telephone or by email within five (5) business days of the draw. The telephone number and email address provided in the entry must be valid. Proof of identity must be provided upon request. The first person whose name is drawn will be declared the prize winner, provided that person fulfills all the conditions specified in these contest rules.

The prize winner waives all action against the contest organizers and sponsors if the prize proves not to be to the winner’s complete satisfaction. The contest organizers and sponsors reserve the right, at their sole discretion, to offer a prize of equal or greater value if the prize as described cannot be awarded for any reason.

Before being awarded the prize, the winner must sign a declaration and release form attesting that they have read, understood and complied with the official contest rules, and grant all approvals required under those rules. In so doing, the winner authorizes the contest organizers to disseminate, publish and communicate the winner’s name and their city and province or territory of residence, along with their photograph and any recordings of their voice, if applicable, as part of any promotion or publicity, any transmission of information or any publication for entertainment and information purposes, without compensating the winner. The winner accepts the prize as offered and releases the contest organizers and sponsors from all liability, regardless of its nature, that could arise from the winner’s participation in the contest and from the receipt and use of the prize. If the winner is not eligible, or cannot be contacted by

the contest organizers within five (5) business days of the draw, or does not sign and return the declaration and release form within the required period of time, the contest organizers reserve the right to disqualify the winner and draw a new winner, and the contest organizers will have no obligation or liability whatsoever in this regard.

The contest is subject to all applicable federal, provincial, territorial and municipal laws and regulations.

The prize must be accepted as awarded, with no substitutions. The prize may not be transferred or converted to cash, and it may not be sold, traded or bartered. No claim for reimbursement will be deemed admissible.

The contest organizers and sponsors will not be held liable for theft, any forms of loss or any other human or technical error in awarding the prize, or for the loss or misplacement of entries.

The contest organizers and sponsors will not be held liable for typographical or other errors in providing or administering this contest, including, but not limited to, advertising errors, errors in official contest rules, errors in the selection and announcement of the winner or errors in the distribution of prizes.

The contest organizers and sponsors will not be held liable for any technical problem or malfunction in any telephone line or network, online computer system or server, or for software problems or congestion on the Internet or on any website. The contest organizers and sponsors will assume no liability for damage to the computer of the participant or of any other person arising from participation in the contest.