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Les Rendez-vous de la Francophonie unveils its 29th edition!

Ottawa, September 16, 2026 – The Dialogue Network, the organization behind Les Rendez-vous de la Francophonie (RVF), is proud to present the highlights of the 2027 RVF! Come celebrate with us from March 1 to 31. This year's theme **What brings us together!**

We all have something in common, something that unites us, something that brings us together. Sometimes, we feel it right away—a connection, a shared passion or an affinity for a culture. Sometimes, we have to dig a little, start a dialogue or stop to reflect, but we always end up finding a way to connect.

In 2027, the RVF is what will bring us together! The RVF will give us the opportunity to celebrate, laugh and reflect. With workshops and shows put on by our spokespersons and activities organized by local organizations and schools, the RVF will help each and every one of us discover what unites us.

Spokespersons

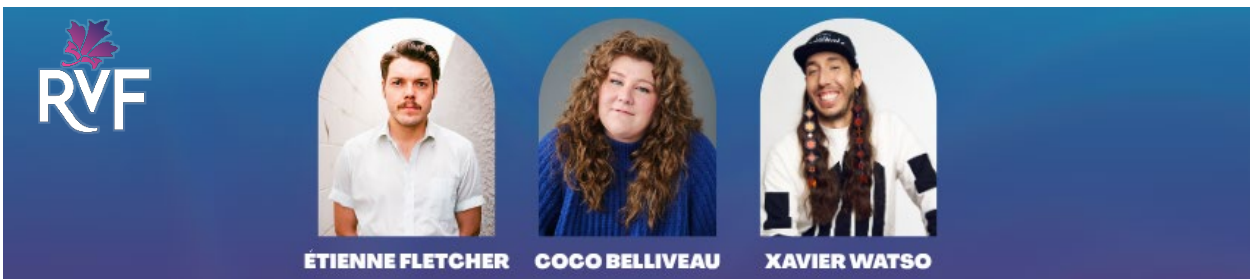
This year, the RVF is thrilled to introduce three spokespersons with remarkable yet relatable life stories that are deeply rooted in Canada's Francophonie:

- **Étienne Fletcher**, a singer-songwriter from Saskatchewan
- **Coco Belliveau**, an Acadian multidisciplinary comedian from New Brunswick
- **Xavier Watso**, an Abenaki content creator, host, actor and speaker from Odanak, Quebec

Learn more about our spokespersons at RVF.ca!

Programming

The 2027 edition starts on March 1, and the RVF website (RVF.ca/en) will be your go-to resource for all things RVF! In addition to the many activities offered year-round, here's what's new:



- **2027 RVF Comedy Tour**

Coco Belliveau will host the 2027 RVF Comedy Tour. She'll bring her unique perspective, relatable sense of humour and thoughtful approach to social issues. Tour details will be announced shortly.

- **Workshops and performance by Étienne Fletcher**

Étienne will be travelling from coast to coast, meeting people across Canada! In February and March 2027, the RVF's co-spokesperson will share his music, host school workshops and perform for the public, highlighting creativity, artistic expression and Francophone pride. Now is the time to book an event on RVF.ca/en!

- **Presentations by Xavier Watso**

Xavier will invite students and communities to learn about Indigenous cultures through age-specific presentations. His talks will help raise awareness about Indigenous realities, decolonization, appropriate terminology and paths that can lead to true reconciliation. Book a presentation today on RVF.ca/en!

- **Microgrants**

[The microgrant program](#) was launched a few weeks ago and is open until November 14! The program awards microgrants of up to \$2000 to help non-profit organizations develop local activities that will be held in March 2027.

Over the next few weeks, the RVF will gradually reveal new programming details to keep the excitement growing all the way to March!

Follow us on social media for real-time updates, subscribe to our newsletter, and visit RVF.ca/en now to access educational resources, games, podcasts, playlists and much more.

“Canada’s Francophonie is vibrant, diverse and deeply human. With the theme ‘What brings us together,’ the 2027 RVF invites communities to come together, get to know one another and celebrate the bonds that connect us from sea to sea to sea.”

— Ajà Besler, Executive Director of the Dialogue Network

About

The RVF is one of the many cultural events celebrating International Francophonie Day. An initiative of the Dialogue Network, the RVF is made possible through financial support from the Government of Canada.

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