

Les Grands Hurlleurs BIO (updated 2024)

A promising new chapter for Les Grands Hurlleurs with now four musicians on stage: Nicolas Pellerin (vocals, violin, feet, cajon), Simon Lepage (vocals, bass, double bass), Philippe Girard (voice and guitar), and Louis Thibault (vocals, bouzouki, mandolin and guitar). The band released their 6th album, *LAYON*, in 2024. This group has won the hearts of Quebec and international audiences with its modernized and accessible traditional music. On guitar, Philippe brings a unique touch to the accompaniment as well as sophisticated and original arrangements. On bouzouki and mandolin, Louis' talent enhances the moods, grooves and energy of the group.

The band wants to go back to the roots by daring to sound closer to acoustic instruments with careful and thoughtful arrangements while remaining organic. With the integration of folk, classical and bluegrass influences, the band will surprise and touch people once again with this enriched trad! Fiddles, mandolin, guitar, double bass, feet and rich vocal harmonies come together to explore a multitude of emotions.

The album *Chouïa*, released in 2018, was the occasion to celebrate the 10th anniversary of Les Grands Hurlleurs. It was featured in *La Presse's* 2018 TOP 10 KEB FRANCO.

Amazing live performers, they play many instruments, feel their on-stage energy, and get blown away by their sheer musical prowess. They truly please everyone, bonding with their audiences wherever they perform.

Since its inception in 2009, Les Grands Hurlleurs have earned a solid reputation, accumulating a lot of experience in countless Quebec venues, international stages (Czech Republic, France, Germany, Spain, Switzerland, the USA) and on major events including recently: Canada Day in Victoria, & Canada Summer Games Winnipeg.

Since 2017 they've been in the official showcase selections at **Babel Music XP (2024, Marseilles, France)**, **CINARS (2021)**, Chainon (2020, virtual, France), Folk Alliance International (2021, 2019, & 2018 (Kansas City, USA), APAP (2021, virtual), offWOMEX (2019, Finland), Rideau (Québec), FICG 2017 (Granby, Quebec), Contact East 2017 (Cape Breton) etc.

Les Grands Hurlleurs have achieved the rare feat of bagging a Felix Award – Francophone Canada's Juno equivalent – for three albums.

- 2021: ELLIPSE, *La Compagnie du Nord CIE010*
- 2018: Chouïa *La Compagnie du Nord CIE003/Coyote records COYOTE031*
- 2015: 3/4 Fort (Trad album of the year, ADISQ) *Coyote Records. COYOTE008*
- 2011: Petit grain d'or (Trad album of the year, ADISQ) *Disques Tempête. TEM24028*
- 2009: Nicolas Pellerin et Les Grands Hurlleurs (Trad album of the year, ADISQ) *Disques Tempête. TEM23838*