

Resources for Québécois Music (prepared by David Brown & Tony Phillips, Oct 2025)

<https://tinyurl.com/quetradSF>

QueTradSF eMail group

- <https://groups.io/g/QueTradSF/> - Discussion and announcements related to traditional Québécois and Acadian (French Canadian) music in the San Francisco Bay Area and Northern California. Dates and locations of our monthly afternoon sessions in Albany/N. Berkeley are announced in the group. Here is a sampling of the tunes that we play:
[Top tunes at the SF Bay Area Quebecois session \(QueTradSF\)](#)

Info from other sessions

- [Les Amis Fantômes](#) - monthly (4th Sunday Sept-May, 12pm PT) online Zoom session
- Montreal session - transcriptions <https://www.montrealsession.ca/>
- Les Danseurs et Musiciens de l'Île Jésus (DMIJ), transcriptions and sound samples (MP3), <https://dmij.net/musiques/>
- Portland session tune list <http://www.lisaornstein.com/quebec-session-tune-list-2/>
- Toronto session tune list <http://toquetrad.com/all-tunes/>
- Boston session tune list
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1leV1NdzNIMyCUU_cF4VvgoKXEZvLrXWitRuTUaTiqzQ/pubhtml
- Seattle session tune list - join the Google group Quebec_PNW by sending an email to quebec_pnw+subscribe@googlegroups.com

Web

- David's [resource website](#), including [List of sessions \(worldwide\)](#) and [List of music camps and festivals](#)
- [Fonds Jean Trudel](#) = archival collection of audio and video field recordings made by folklorist Jean Trudel in Quebec between 1965 and 1977.
- [Fonds Lisa Ornstein](#) - In 2023, Lisa donated her research material (mostly unreleased sound files on cassette and tapes) that she used when writing her 1985 masters thesis on Louis Pitou Boudreault. This material has now been digitized by David Brunelle and is available at <https://adapi.ca> with the tag *Louis Pitou Boudreault*. A playlist is also available on Soundcloud.
- Lisa Ornstein's list of [Useful Links for for Québécois Music and Dance](#)
- Identitaires Québécois, Eric Lortie, Université de Napierville, transcriptions and sound samples (MP3) for over 400 tunes, mustrad.udenap.org - temporarily unavailable, but you can use archive.org.
- [Maréemusique - de Souches à Oreilles](#) Youtube channel
- [Steve Fry's transcriptions](#)
- Canada's Virtual Gramophone, 78-rpm and cylinder recordings released in Canada, <https://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/films-videos-sound-recordings/virtual-gramophone>
- mémoire musicale - 78-rpm and cylinder recordings released in Canada organized for

easier searching <https://memoiremusicale.ca/>

- Bibliothèque et Archives Nationales du Québec, sound recordings 1900-1952, <https://www.banq.qc.ca/plateformes-numeriques/musique-quebecoise/>
- Acadian Fiddle (Louis & Devon Léger) <http://www.acadianfiddle.com/>
- Erskine Morris - <https://gaspefiddle.blogspot.com/>
- [Quebec Folklore Store](#) - CD's & DVD's.
- Traditional Tune Archive <http://tunearch.org/>
- The Session <https://thesession.org>. Primarily Irish, but lots of Canadian as well.
- [Grande Chaîne](#) (2022) - Guy Bouchard's documentary about Douglastown; available for rent or purchase.
- [Le Son des Français d'Amérique](#) (1974-1980) - a 27 episode documentary series about French music in America. English subtitles. Streaming via Vimeo - rent or purchase, per episode or per season. Descriptions in English available [here](#). Also available for free streaming at the [National Film Board of Canada](#).
- [Les Héritiers](#) - field recordings from Les Îles-de-la-Madeleine. Avila LeBlanc etc.
- CPQV's Vimeo page - Jean Marie Verret, Liette Remon, etc <https://vimeo.com/cqpv>
- The Facebook page [Calendrier de l'avent Fa- Musique trad du Québec](#) posts videos daily during December.
- [Contemporary compositions](#) by Richard Forest, Claude Méthé, and others - transcriptions, audio, and interviews (in French).
- [Espace Parallèle](#) - website where you can buy (physical CD's or download) and listen to full cuts (like bandcamp) from Vent du Nord, De Temps Antan, Grosse Isle and related projects, as well as the Demers book [1000 airs du Québec](#).

Online Lessons

- Pascal Gemme's [Trad Québec Studio](#)
- [André Brunet lessons on FiddleVideo.com](#)
- [Réseau Québec Folklore](#) - tutorial videos (capsules) by a number of the current top musicians. Includes downloadable PDF's. In some cases, the same tune is taught in multiple lessons for different instruments.
- [David Boulanger lessons at The Folk Music Academy](#)
- [Fiddle Hell](#) online April (in person November)
- [Lisa Ornstein](#) occasional 6 session classes. Check the menu "Classes and Workshops".
- Devon Léger Tune of the Week on [Facebook](#) or [YouTube](#)
- [École de musique du Festitrad](#): André Brunet, Michel Bordeleau (mandolin), Jean-François Branchaud (guitar)
- [PEI Trad Academy](#)

Books

- Danse ce Soir - Laurie Hart & Greg Sandell, [book](#) & [CD](#) ([Mel Bay Publications](#))
- [Airs Tordus / Crooked Tunes](#) - Guy Bouchard & Liette Remon (avail as PDF download)
- [Portland Collection](#) (3 volumes) - Sue Songer & Clyde Curley
- [The Waltz Book](#) (4 volumes) - Bill Matthiesen

- [1000 airs du Québec](#) - Olivier Demers
- [John Krumm: 230 Québécois Dance tunes \(PDF\)](#)
- Le violon de Jos - . Various resources, including Jean Duval's complete transcriptions (PDF) for Joseph Allard, Isidore Soucy, & others
<https://leviolondejos.wiki/index.php/Collections> and pointers to videos by artist.
- [La Boîte à Piton](#) - Louis Léger. accordion-friendly tunes.
- [Franches Connexions](#), based in France, offers several book/DVD sets for French Canadian accordion music - Frank Sears; Sébastien Dionne (répertoire de Marcel Messervier) - though most of its offerings are of French accordion music: Unfortunately, recent (Jan 2025) postage price changes have raised the cost of shipping overseas.

Recordings & Musicians

- [Les Têtes de Violon](#) (includes Laurie Rivin and Kevin Carr): *Airs Tordus*, *Les deux rives*
- Bands: [La Bottine Souriante](#) (early recordings), [le bruit court dans la ville](#), [Genticorum](#), Raz-de-Marée/Tidal Wave ([website](#), [bandcamp](#)), [Vent du Nord](#), [De Temps Antan](#), [La Famille Léger](#)
- Fiddlers (contemporary): [Lisa Ornstein](#), Éric Favreau, [Claude Méthé](#), [Pascal Gemme](#), [André Brunet](#), [Liette Remon](#), Jean-Marie & Martin Verret, Richard Forest, [Alexis Chartrand](#), Robin LeBlanc & [La Famille LeBlanc](#), [Stéphanie Lépine](#), [Davi Simard](#), [David Brunelle](#)
- Fiddlers (historical): André Alain (1931-2000), [Aimé Gagnon](#) (1921-1997), Louis Beaudoin (1921-1980), [Louis Pitou Boudreault](#) (1905-1988), [Édouard Richard](#) (also on [Bandcamp](#)) (1934-2019), Jules Verret (1916-1982), Jos Bouchard (1905-1979), Joseph Allard (1873-1947), Isidore Soucy (1899-1962), [Erskine Morris](#) (1913-1997), [Yvon Mimeault](#) (1928-2024)
- Accordionists (contemporary): [Sabin Jacques](#), Stéphane Landry, Raynald Ouelett, Normand Miron, Frank Sears, [Réjean Simard](#), [Francine Desjardins](#), Denis Pepin, Susie LeMay, Gaston Nolet
- Accordionists (historical): [Philippe Bruneau](#) (1934-2011), Marcel Messervier Sr (1934-2024), [Alfred Montmarquette](#) (1871-1944), Keith Corrigan (1933-2010), [Réjean Lisotte](#) (1940-2023)