



PRESS RELEASE

March 1st, 2024, Saint-Antoine-sur-Richelieu (Québec)
Nicolas Boulerice and Frédéric Samson release COOLTRAD, a new album on the La Compagnie du Nord label

CoolTrad is the third album by founding member of Le Vent du Nord, Nicolas Boulerice playing with his loyal collaborator and double bass player Frédéric Samson. In refreshing contrast to current trends in traditional Québécois music, **CoolTrad** is a project that brings to the fore writings and poetry from the past, accompanied by a music steeped in tradition, yet ready to embrace its new settings.

CoolTrad presents 12 songs that possess a gentle pace and melancholy; 12 encounters that feel jazz-like in the swing and rhythm of their lyrics. It represents a constant dialogue between the trad repertoire and its two protagonists who take their inspiration from cool jazz and the beatnik movement of the 1950s. The pulse of **CoolTrad** is calmer, invites us to slow down, the emotion clearly evident, stories are very much at the heart of these interpretations and the repertoire is embedded in North America's oral tradition, lying somewhere between improvisation and thoughtful arrangements, slam and a traditional jig.

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About Nicolas Boulerice

Nicolas Boulerice was born into a family who were passionate about words, songs and stories – the perfect environment for a young man who was already obsessed with playing the clarinet, the piano and reading his great-grandfather's books. Boulerice began studying jazz piano and then discovered the hurdy-gurdy. He began his career in North American folk music with the group Ad Vielle que Pourra. Inspired by the songs of his grandmother, he then dived into traditional Québécois music which is where he discovered his voice and his calling. Since then he has continued to explore the local repertoire and written some of his own compositions in order to tell the stories about his homeland to the rest of the world. In 2002 he founded **Le Vent du Nord** and with this multi-award-winning group he's performed over 2,400 concerts and released 11 albums.



In 2015 he released *Maison de Bois*, his first solo work and in 2020 *Maison de pierres*, a second solo album from a trilogy of releases. He has also been known to share the stage with his father and writer for Les Carnets de Notes, a staging of poetry and song. His first collection of poetry was published in 2021 (Triptyque). It's fair to say that Boulerice spends his life surrounded by words, songs and stories.

About Frédéric Samson

Frédéric Samson is a trained ethnomusicologist, jazz musician and founding member of the group, Small World Project with whom he has recorded three albums. Besides music, he has a passion for linguistics and languages and has spent time teaching, translating and editing.

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