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***La vie... comme dans les chansons – Life... as a Song***  
**PERFORMANCE, PODCASTS, VIDEOS:**  
**AN ORIGINAL POETRY AND SONG PROJECT**



**Montreal, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021** – On October 21, the Blue Metropolis Foundation will present, with the financial support of Canadian Heritage, an original performance that brings together contemporary poetry and classic songs of the Quebec and Canadian repertoires. **Presented at 8 PM at Cabaret Lion d'Or, the performance will also be livestreamed to various platforms (YouTube Live and Facebook Live).**

The period between the 1960s and the 1980s literally revolutionized the Quebec and Canadian musical landscape. The unforgettable songs of artists such as **Joni Mitchell, Paul Piché, Michel Rivard** and countless others are now written into our cultural DNA, and many of them even reached international heights. Fifty years later, Blue Metropolis invited contemporary francophone and anglophone authors to write an original poem inspired by one of these ten songs.

The La vie... comme dans les chansons – Life... as a Song performance, hosted by actor **Sylvain Massé**, pays tribute to this golden era of music. The original concept, mixing text and song, will feature **Sébastien Desmarais** and his band, accompanied by singer **Sylvie DesGrosseilliers** and poet **Gabrielle Boulianne-Tremblay**, **Maya Cousineau Mollen**, **Stéphane Despatie**, **Lorrie Jean-Louis**, **Rachel McCrum**, **Enné Nasereddine**, **Gillian Sze**, **William Vallières** and **Derek Webster**.

All rose to the occasion beautifully. Taking from their childhood memories, from their innermost worlds, or from their singular perspective on the world, each brings a particular response to the words of their elders.

This original event is part of a major project that includes recordings of the poems as performed by their authors, as well as video capsules presenting extracts of interviews with each poet on their creative process, all available via the Blue Metropolis website ([www.bluemetropolis.org/songs](http://www.bluemetropolis.org/songs)).

### **Blue Metropolis Foundation**

Blue Metropolis Foundation is a not-for-profit organization founded in 1997 that brings together people from different cultures to share the pleasures of reading and writing and encourage creativity and intercultural understanding. The Foundation produces an annual literary festival of international calibre and offers, year-round, a wide range of activities as part of the TD-Blue Metropolis Children's Festival as well as educational and social programs in the classroom, in libraries and online. These programs use reading and writing as therapeutic tools, to encourage academic perseverance and fight against poverty and social isolation.

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