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Canadian quintet Le Vent du Nord to perform, talk with BCPS students from Québec on Tuesday, May 11

*Free virtual performance part of World Culture in Context series coordinated by
BCPS and Creative Alliance*

Towson, MD -- [Le Vent du Nord](#), a quintet that celebrates the French musical heritage of Québec, Canada, will join with Baltimore County Public Schools students on Tuesday, May 11, at 9:35 a.m. on [Zoom](#). The event will be open to all. (If needed, the meeting ID number is 858 7081 4798, and the passcode is 019299.)

Please note that students using Chromebooks can access this Zoom event. After clicking the link to enter the event, they should not choose to "Add Zoom to Chrome," but instead they should choose to "Join from Your Browser" and later to "Join Audio by Computer."

Le Vent du Nord ("the wind from the north") will be speaking from Québec as part of the World Culture in Context initiative. This unique program connects students to renowned artists from across the globe performing in the places that have profoundly informed their work, accompanied by virtual, live conversations about creativity, belonging, and culture. The series was launched in November 2020 by the BCPS Office of Social Studies and BCPS Office of Career and Technical Education and Fine Arts and the Baltimore-based [Creative Alliance](#).

The French musical heritage of Québec is known for its bouncing, rhythmic fiddle style, unique tunes, spirited step dancing, and lovingly-kept songs. Le Vent du Nord, a quintet of talented players who grew up immersed in the tradition, is regarded as the best traditional *Québécois* band in the world. With the

verve, flair, and humor characteristic of the tradition, they bring a 21st-century creative sophistication to this beloved music, a touchstone of French heritage in the New World.

Previous World Culture in Context performances featured dancer/choreographer/cultural ambassador [Melaku Belay](#), broadcasting from Addis Ababa, Ethiopia; the gospel group [The Legendary Ingramettes](#), broadcasting from Virginia; celebrated percussionist [Kim So Ra](#), broadcasting from Seoul, South Korea; renowned bluesman [Jontavious Willis](#), broadcasting from Georgia; and master throat singer [Bady-Dorzhu Ondar](#), broadcasting from Siberia, Russia.

(Editor's note: A photo of Le Vent du Nord accompanies this release.)

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