



Biographical Notes

Frédéric Pellerin has completed a program in social studies at Collège de Shawinigan and earned a Bachelor in French Studies (literature) from the Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières. Frédéric has made his name in the Mauricie region and is also known throughout Quebec and France for his tales and songs. Frédéric's solo performance, *Dans mon village, il y a belle lurette ...*, has been performed over 400 times in four years, and his series *Les légendes de la Vallée du St-Maurice*, has been performed 200 times in one summer. In these works, Frédéric reinterprets and fosters an appreciation of oral heritage and traditional legends. He also contributes to the songs of Tireux d'Roches, a musical group from his region that brings new life to old melodies.

Artistic Approach

Inspired by the ways and delusions of the storytelling and singing of the elders, Frédéric Pellerin has made himself a reviver of that memory. Since the beginning, immersed in the imaginary world of yesteryears and drinking to old chats, he feeds himself with stories kept silent for too long. He lends an ear to all lips, and soon, his lips to all ears. With no text, he passes on these old stories with a spontaneity that makes storytelling part of living speech. "To revive a memory that is too often forgotten. To drink to old words that are too often silenced, to old songs that are losing their breath. These are what inspire me," says this young storyteller.

Work Created for the Games

"My grandmother used to say that this story took place during an era when we still had time. In those days, in my village, there was a great storyteller, a wise talker who knew how to transport you on the tip of his words. This story presenter would keep you on the edge of your seat all night long, to the point where you would forget the day's misfortunes. Some even say that on cloudy nights, he could make the stars sparkle in the eyes of children with his words. This man who never uttered his last word, they wanted him silenced..."

What the Canadian Jury Said

"Frédéric Pellerin is a lively storyteller, who really engages his audience and who, in spite of his youth, seems to be very much part of the oral tradition. It is wonderful to see "grandmother's" tales and legends retold with such freshness and ease. Frédéric Pellerin evokes the lineage of the tale, a sustained link with the past, offered up as a new discovery. Using the spoken language and images from daily life, he leads us into a world without pretention and offers great comfort."

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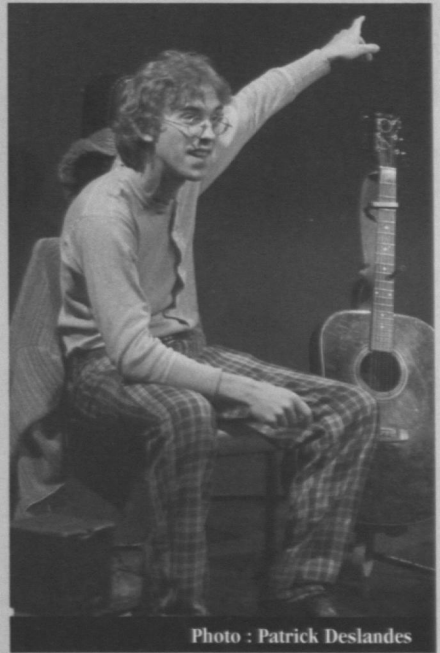


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