



The Conseil Québécois du Patrimoine Vivant is Presenting an International Remote Symposium on Living Human Treasure Systems

Quebec City, May 7, 2020 — On May 30, from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon, the Conseil québécois du patrimoine vivant (CQPV) will present an international remote symposium on the Zoom platform focusing on the **Living Human Treasure** systems that have been set up by various states around the world. This symposium is free and open to the public.

Participating states are: France, Belgium, the United States, Chile, Burkina Faso, and Quebec (see list of delegates). It will be a moment of extraordinary exchange between delegates. Participants who connect via the Zoom platform will also learn more about national Living Human Treasure systems, about their origin, the results they achieved, and the challenges they faced. There will be a question period in which country delegates may respond to the media and the public.

The symposium will be moderated by the Director General of the CQPV, **Antoine Gauthier**, who is familiar with these international gatherings, since the CQPV acts officially as an advisory organization to UNESCO in the framework of the Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage.

Living Human Treasure systems are based on guidelines provided by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in its [document](#) *Guidelines for the Establishment of National “Living Human Treasures” Systems*. Each state has the right and responsibility to set up such a system and to model it according to its own specificities and available resources.

From 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., participants will be invited to connect once again for the unveiling of the first five winners of the national Masters of Living Traditions program. **Fred Savard** will host the ceremony. This CQPV initiative aims to recognize and showcase exceptionally talented artists and artisans of Quebec who master a practice or technique passed down from generation to generation.

To register for the symposium online: <https://bit.ly/2zjOw60>

To register for the ceremony online: <https://bit.ly/3fqpkv4>

À propos du Conseil québécois du patrimoine vivant

Le CQPV constitue le regroupement national pour le secteur du patrimoine culturel immatériel, reconnu et soutenu par le ministère de la Culture et des Communications depuis 1993. Il fédère et rassemble des individus et plus de 100 organismes du domaine des traditions vivantes aux quatre coins du Québec. Son conseil d’administration est formé de spécialistes, de porteurs de traditions, de représentants d’associations et de médiateurs du patrimoine vivant. Le CQPV agit

officiellement à titre d'organisation-conseil auprès de l'UNESCO dans le cadre de la Convention pour la sauvegarde du patrimoine culturel immatériel.

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