



HURDY-GURDY WORKSHOP

The 6th Chants de Vieilles will take place Sept. 10-13, 2009 in the town of Calixa-Lavallée (Québec). As part of this year's programming, the festival is presenting its first Hurdy-Gurdy Workshop.

REGISTER BY: JUNE 1st, 2009

Who is this workshop for?

Intermediate hurdy-gurdy players who have their own instrument.

Contents: The workshop will be devoted to instrumental technique over a common repertoire (PDF & MIDI files to be provided by the teacher).

Maximum participants: 10

Where: Sacristy of Ste-Théodosie Church, Calixa-Lavallée

Workshop Master: Gilles Chabenat (FRANCE).

Born in 1963 in Lignièrès (Centre France), Chabenat started playing hurdy-gurdy with folk art and traditions organization Les Thiaulins at the age of 13. After studying with Georges Simon, he won several folk music awards. Then, he turned to the corpus of his area and became interested in other music styles. Following in the footsteps of Valentin Clastrier, he had to reinvent his instrument and how it is played. Simultaneously, after several years of research, instrument-maker Denis Siorat designed a modern electroacoustic instrument that made it possible for the hurdy-gurdy to foray into the field of new music. In 1992, Chabenat joined the Corsican group I Muvrini, with whom he played for 12 years. During this period, he performed with several high-profile artists, including Véronique Sanson, Florent Pagny, Stephan Eicher, Jean-Jacques Goldman, and Sting, but also Frédéric Paris, Edouard Papazian, Alain Bonnin, and Gabriel Yacoub. Lately, he has been working on various creative projects with jazz musicians, among others Vincent Mascart, Jacques Mahieux, Alain Bruel, Alain Gibert, and Jean-Marc Padovani. In other words, his musical background and evolution have been constantly shaped by musical encounters. He sees the hurdy-gurdy as a multifaceted instrument that has been morphing and reinventing itself for over a thousand years.

SCHEDULE (subject to change)

Thursday, September 10

10 AM - NOON Master Class (1/4) with Gilles Chabenat

Lunch at the Manoir in Calixa, with all participants

Concert dinner at La Brunnoire in Verchèrès

2 PM - 5 PM Master Class (2/4) with Gilles Chabenat

Friday, September 11

10 AM - NOON Master Class (3/4) with Gilles Chabenat

Lunch at the Manoir in Calixa, with all participants

2 PM - 5 PM Master Class (4/4) with Gilles Chabenat

Saturday, September 12

2:30 PM Hurdy-Gurdy Meeting, with Gilles Chabenat and workshop participants

Sunday, September 13

2 PM Concert with Gilles Chabenat

4:30 PM En avant toute: Parade with singers, musicians, on-lookers

*Activities in GREY are optional

FEES:

\$150: Workshop THURSDAY & FRIDAY

\$200: Workshop THURSDAY & FRIDAY + Cafeteria (includes: 1 breakfast, 2 lunches, Thursday dinner & weekend pass)