

## Chantal Thériault elected as President of the Frye Festival

**Moncton, December 8, 2021** – Atlantic Canada’s largest literary festival has a new president. On November 26, the Frye Festival’s Annual General Meeting (AGM) elected Chantal Thériault to lead its board of directors.

**For over 10 years, Chantal Thériault has been committed to the development of Moncton’s literary landscape through her involvement with the Frye Festival.** She joined the board of directors as an administrator in 2010, and was elected to the vice presidency in 2019. **“I am very pleased to have the opportunity to lead a festival with such an amazing team. I am committed to pursuing our work in prioritizing diversity and inclusion, while solidifying our community partnerships”**, declared Chantal Thériault, who has been working in economic development within Canada’s public service for nearly 20 years.

Departing President Yves Doucet had sat on the board of directors since 2014. “The Frye Festival is a key component of the ever-growing presence of arts and culture in the Greater Moncton area and throughout New Brunswick”, he says. “It was a privilege to be a part of this grand adventure and to lead such a passionate and invested board of directors. I am most of all grateful for a team of employees that exceeded all expectations and delivered, during a pandemic, two absolutely exceptional editions of the festival.” adds Yves Doucet, who had been elected president in 2019. Two other board members, Rachel Richard and Barbara Quigley, also ended their tenure on the board at this year’s AGM, the latter after more than 20 years of involvement with the Frye Festival..

The AGM also elected Rachel Baxter as vice president, and renewed the mandates of treasurer Marie-Ève Godbout Carroll, and secretary Chantale Bellemare. Moreover, a new recruit has been welcomed into the team: Lindsay Warner, from Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, who is also Head of Children’s Services at the Moncton Public Library. She joins fellow administrators Carole Chan, Samuel LeBlanc, Elizabeth Blanchard, Vanessa Moeller, and Reem Fayyad Abdel-Samad.

“The Frye Festival team wishes to thank Yves Doucet, Barbara Quigley, and Rachel Richard for their involvement in our organization”, declared Interim Executive Director Pierre-André Doucet. “Their immense contributions have helped make the Frye Festival a marquee event in Moncton’s cultural landscape. We are happy to start this new year with an enthusiastic board of directors, led by our newly-elected president, Chantal Thériault.”



Chantal Thériault  
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The Frye Festival acknowledges that the land upon which the organisation is settled and offers events is the traditional unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq People.

The Frye Festival is the largest literary event in Atlantic Canada and a bilingual celebration of books, ideas and the imagination. Amounting to ten days of festivities, the festival takes place at the end of April and unfolds in the Greater Moncton region, in neighbouring communities, and, in the case of school visits, all over the province. A yearly programming of workshops and masterclasses is offered each year outside of the festival's official programming.

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