



**PROVINCIAL CONCOURS D'ART ORATOIRE
SATURDAY, MAY 9, 2026
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RE: CONCOURS D'ART ORATOIRE 2026

Sponsored by Canadian Parents for French New Brunswick

On behalf of **Canadian Parents for French, New Brunswick Branch**, I invite students in your ASD to participate in the **2026 CPF New Brunswick provincial Concours d'art oratoire**. We realize you have many demands on your time, but we hope that we can work together to ensure that as many students as possible from your area to participate in this year's **Concours d'art oratoire**. The **Concours d'art oratoire** is a positive, fun, learning experience for all students. We are looking forward to working with you, your teachers and your students this year.

Preparations for the **2026 Concours d'art oratoire** are presently underway. The provincial finals will be held at the Brian Mulroney Hall, St Thomas University campus on Saturday, May 9th, 2026. Many thanks to Léo-James Levesque for hosting the **provincial Concours d'art oratoire** at Saint Thomas University again this year!

Registration will be held from 10:30 am to 11:30 am. The opening ceremony will be at 11:45 am and the speech competition for all speech categories will run from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 pm. The closing Ceremonies and Awards Ceremony will begin at 2:30 pm. It is the responsibility of the school districts and/or parents to provide transportation for the students participating in the provincial finals.

This year's entertainment is **Mikael Taieb, Mathemagicien!** Official Rubik's Cube Ambassador, creator of the Live Stage Pixel Art, the Two Sided Pixel Art and the CO2 Pixel Art, Mikael Taieb is a leading authority and one of the most revolutionary Rubik's cube performance artists.

<https://www.dreampicspixelart.com/> Mikael will be in the Fredericton area from May 11-15, 2026. He is available for full day bookings (included performance and 3 workshops per school).

<https://form.jotform.com/253487054560258>

Please note that students may enter the provincial competition in the following categories:

Early French Immersion – Grades 5-12

Late French Immersion – Grades 6-12

Intensive - Grade 5

Post Intensive French – Grades 6-12

Francophone – Grades 5-12

The decision on how to organize your ASD regional finals is entirely up to you. You may add categories in grades 5-12 at the regional level. **First, second and third** place winners from each regional Concours d'art oratoire are invited to attend the **CPF New Brunswick provincial Concours d'art oratoire**.

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We are depending on you and your FSL teachers to encourage students to participate, especially Post Intensive French students and French Immersion students in grade 11/12 who may have already taken their French requirement(s) during the fall semester.

Recognition - In addition to cash prizes, gold, silver and bronze medals will be awarded in each category. All participants are considered winners, and we acknowledge each student with a certificate of appreciation for their efforts. All students have valuable lessons to learn by competing in this event and are rewarded for their efforts, regardless of their final standing. All students attending the provincial competition receive a **Concours d'art oratoire** certificate.

Renewable and entrance bursaries from Université de Moncton and Sainte-Anne for first, second and third place grade 11/12 winners in all categories are expected again this year. Details will be posted on the nb.cpf.ca website. First, second and third place provincial winners in all categories will receive a cash prize (see attachment). **There are over \$50,000 in entrance and renewable scholarships available at the Provincial Concours d'art oratoire from our two sponsoring institutions.**

First place winners in all categories in grade 11/12 will participate virtually in the **National Concours d'art oratoire**. The date for this competition will be posted on the cpfconcours.ca website. Information on the date and the prizes for the National competition will be circulated to all coordinators and participants. **There are over \$75,000 in renewable scholarships to win at the National level of the competition in all categories.**

To learn more about the **CPF Concours d'art oratoire** across the country, check out our new website, cpfconcours.ca

Concours en classe optional activity - Concours en classe is an informal, non-competitive activity for students in grades 1-8. Teachers are encouraged to organize a Concours d'art oratoire activity in their classroom. Each teacher will receive Concours certificates, participation ribbons and a Concours promotional item for each student. Since 2020, we were pleased to have over 2,000 students in 58 classrooms participating. Deadline for a classroom to register is January 30, 2026. Registration information can be found on our website, <https://form.jotform.com/253486956160264>

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation. If you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact our CPF NB provincial branch office by e-mail.

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CONCOURS D'ART ORATOIRE INFORMATION PACKAGE

1. ASD Registration form.
2. Description of Categories and eligibility. See attachment.
3. Rules and Objectives of the Concours d'art oratoire. See attachment.
4. Evaluation Form – to be used at all levels to evaluate speeches. See attachment
5. Penalty Form – to be used at all levels. See attachment.
6. Concours d'art oratoire resources - Updated teacher resources can be found on the new Concours d'art oratoire webpage, cpfconcours.ca
7. Responsibility of Concours d'art oratoire Coordinators – Information concerning your responsibilities.
8. Dates to remember – Information sheet to keep us on track and to ensure that CPF-NB receives information on time. See attached.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF CONCOURS D'ART ORATOIRE COORDINATORS

1. To respond fully to communications, and to complete the necessary forms from the CPF New Brunswick provincial office to meet deadlines set by the CPF New Brunswick
2. To ensure that all rules and regulations are followed in their areas.
3. To distribute material to teachers, students and parents.
4. To coordinate all aspects of the Concours d'art oratoire within their areas.
5. To submit the names of regional winners to the CPF New Brunswick provincial office. Winners at **1st, 2nd and 3rd** place will advance to participate at the provincial level.

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