



EIGHT VOICES UNITE TO SUPPORT VULNERABLE WOMEN

A multilingual, festive, and inclusive version of the song Winter in Wonderland

Montréal, November 12, 2025 — As the holiday season approaches, bringing a renewed need for human connection, *Chez Doris* and Quebec multidisciplinary artist *Sébastien Dhavernas* are proud to present <u>IN CHORUS FOR HOPE</u>, a moving, multilingual reinterpretation of the beloved holiday classic Winter in Wonderland. Deeply engaged in the neighbourhood where Chez Doris is located, Dhavernas was moved by the daily hardship faced by women experiencing homelessness and wanted to take meaningful action. This initiative brings together eight artists, eight languages, and one shared voice in solidarity.

Performed by Chanelle Foo Lam, Christian-Marc Gendron, Daniela Fiorentino, Elyzabeth Diaga, Manuel Tadros, Pascale Leblanc, Sébastien Dhavernas and Soleil Launière, and produced in collaboration with Jean-Pierre Limoges, this unique version features French, English, Italian, Spanish, Creole, Innu, Arabic, and Vietnamese, a true anthem of inclusion.

Sébastien Dhavernas, who spearheaded the initiative, explains why he assembled these unique voices to express a universal message:

"In Montréal, we speak more than 150 languages. This diversity is our strength, and it's reflected in the women served by Chez Doris. The joy of the holidays is real, but for too many, it remains out of reach. With this project, we're turning emotion into meaningful support for Chez Doris, a creative way to do things differently."

Diane Pilote, Executive Director of Chez Doris, adds:

"This project reflects our mission beautifully: transforming public solidarity into concrete actions that change lives, from daytime shelter and meals to housing and psychosocial support. Every woman who walks through our doors is met with respect, compassion, and personalized care. I extend heartfelt thanks to Sébastien, the artists, and everyone who contributed to this project. Their generosity and commitment give a powerful voice to our cause and help uphold the dignity and autonomy of the more than 1,700 women we serve each year."

The contrast is vivid: while the song evokes festive joy and togetherness, it also highlights a reality too often overlooked, that many women experience the holidays in extreme vulnerability or without shelter. This juxtaposition underscores the urgency of collective action.

In chorus for hope aims to amplify Chez Doris' mission and inspire tangible support. Every listen, download, and share becomes an act of generosity: 100% of proceeds will be donated to Chez Doris.

In chorus for hope is now available on <u>Bandcamp.com</u>, where it can be streamed, downloaded, and purchased. Every purchase directly supports Chez Doris' programs and services:

- Listen, download, and share the song <u>here</u>
- Subscribe to Chez Doris' newsletter and follow @chezdorisrefuge
- A simple gesture goes a long way: <u>make a donation</u> or share the initiative within your network

About Chez Doris

Chez Doris is a Montréal-based charitable organization, open seven days a week, offering a safe, non-judgmental environment and essential services to women experiencing homelessness or extreme vulnerability. Founded in 1977 as a day shelter, Chez Doris has grown to serve more than 1,700 vulnerable women each year, offering them comprehensive support in a respectful and inclusive environment. In addition to meals, the organization provides clothing, financial management support, medical services, a night shelter, and access to various housing solutions, including permanent residences. Chez Doris' mission is to support and empower every woman in a precarious situation so that she can reach her full potential, offering a full range of services in safe spaces where they can find help and comfort without judgment.

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