

Long bio
Choses Sauvages
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In September 2018, Choses Sauvages released their namesake dance-punk debut, produced by Emmanuel Ethier (Corridor, P'tit Belliveau, Chocolat, Pierre Lapointe). Very well received by the Quebec press, the album was nominated in the Album of the Year - Alternative category at the 2019 ADISQ Gala and crowned Indie-Rock Album of the Year at the GAMIQ Gala, all while topping the province's independent radio charts. The same year, the band also sold out a major Montreal venue, the 1000-cap Club Soda.

Still driven by a rigorous, meticulous approach, the Montreal quintet has matured without abandoning its rebellious side. Their latest album, Choses Sauvages II, is closer to the electronic and nu-disco influences of L'Impératrice and producer Lindstrøm, while continuing their fascinating journey down the funk trail, inspired by the Bowies and Bee Gees of this world. An album that will earn them a second win in the Indie-Rock Album category at GAMIQ, this time for the 2022 edition.

The album brings the band back on the road. Renowned for being fiery on stage, guitarist Marc-Antoine Barbier (Totalement Sublime), guitarist/keyboardist Thierry Malépart, keyboardist Tommy Bélisle and drummer Philippe Gauthier-Boudreau are still led by the incandescent Félix Bélisle (La Sécurité) on vocals. Friend Charles Primeau (Foreign Diplomats, Frais Dispo) joins the five founding members on bass for the shows. The band played several major international festivals in 2022, including Reeperbahn (Germany), MaMA (France) and FIMPRO (Mexico). In their home- province of Quebec, they sold out Montreal's famous 2000-cap MTelus (Metropolis) – one hair-raising evening!

A few months later, Choses Sauvages flew to Texas to perform at the SXSW 2023 festival. Then it was on to France and the UK, where the band proved their showmanship with a handful of dates, notably during Le Printemps de Bourges in central France, and Wide Days in Scotland. In April 2023, the band offered up the new song *Mort de peur*, a bittersweet piece that blends electronic textures and Afrobeat. That same month, the band was nominated for the Prix Félix-Leclerc de la chanson 2023, a distinction awarded for promising songwriting.

In the Fall 2023, Choses Sauvages opens for American rock band The Bright Light Social Hour for nearly 30 shows across the U.S.A. and Western Canada.