

BIOGRAPHY VERANDA

The duo originally met at Barfly, a cozy watering hole regarded as a Montreal Bluegrass institution. They quickly became friends, then musical partners, and soon after started writing music together. And so Veranda was born.

Léandre Joly-Pelletier is a virtuoso on the guitar and sought-after multi-instrumentalist who has worked extensively with many well-established folk, country and bluegrass artists such as Sara Dufour, Laurence Jalbert, and Notre-Dame-de-Grass over the last decade. Even though he has mostly worked as a session musician, few people know what an outstanding songwriter he is. With Veranda, for the first time, his prolific creativity are showcased in a project of his own –and they certainly do shine through!

Catherine-Audrey Lachapelle is a professional actress known for her role in Radio-Canada's hit TV show "District 31", in which she has been a cast member since the first season. Although still in her early career, Lachapelle was nominated in 2016 for best actress in a supporting role, at the prestigious "Gala Quebec Cinema". Yet, even as Catherine's acting career flourishes, her need for musical expression simply cannot be denied!

Veranda is the collaboration between Catherine-Audrey Lachapelle and Léandre Joly-Pelletier. After a well-received first EP released in 2019, Veranda presents a new record of original french bluegrass music that blends traditional and contemporary, simplicity and virtuosity. Their music is filled with sweet harmonies and soulful melodies. From high lonesome bluegrass to intimate folk ballads, the duo offers a fresh take on classic Country music. Imagine a place way out in the countryside, with Dolly Parton, Ralph Stanley and Emmylou Harris singing under the pines; that's where Veranda calls home.