



We're All In This Together
reaches out to seniors

Description

New web series aims to help seniors battle isolation and fear during the pandemic

We're All In This Together is a collaboration between the [English Language Arts Network \(ELAN\)](#) and [Seniors Action Quebec](#), and a community initiative to reach Quebec's English-speaking seniors during the COVID-19 pandemic. The goal of this web series for seniors is to help them battle isolation and fear during these difficult times. The bi-weekly episodes, directed by Montreal-based award-winning filmmaker **Bobbi Jo Hart**, will feature entertainment, activities and conversations designed to reach out to those in need of support and remind them that we are, indeed, all in this together.

For the next nine months, **18 episodes** will be released on **YouTube** and **Facebook** for anyone who wants to enjoy them. Even if you aren't a senior but you know one, watch the series together! The first episode, ***Holiday Baking: Making Sugar Cookies with Hainya & Linda***, will be live on **Friday, December 11** at 4 pm. You will be able to watch it via [Youtube](#).

This is also a great opportunity to take a moment and make sure that the seniors around you can access the Internet and take advantage of all of the online resources out there for them.

"We are so happy to be able to bring some much-needed entertainment and support from amazing Quebec-based artists to our seniors", says **Vanessa Herrick**, Executive Director at Senior Action Quebec. "We have all been through a difficult time and it is more important than ever to pull together and make sure that our loved ones know that even if we can't be with them, we are all in this together and they are not alone."

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John Sadowy and Jennifer Gasoi at Ursa- Image: Bobbi Jo Hart

Episode 1: Holiday Baking: Making Sugar Cookies with Hainya & Linda

The first episode of *We're All In This Together* takes viewers into a Montreal family kitchen with grandmother **Hainya Wiseman** and her daughter-in-law **Linda** as they show viewers how to make holiday sugar cookies. They discuss personal challenges and coping mechanisms during the pandemic while they share a light-hearted and heart-warming approach to baking cookies in holiday, Hanukkah and Christmas shapes. If you are curious to find out what sugar cookies have to do with a soufflé hairstyle, don't miss this uplifting kick-off to the web series!

Episode 2: Holiday Concert Special at Martha Wainright's intimate venue Ursa



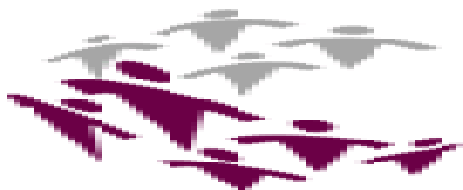
From Christmas and Hanukkah classics to inspirational original songs infused with Quebec artists, the second episode of *We're All In This Together* is a holiday concert in **Martha Wainwright's** intimate venue **Ursa**, located in Montreal's artistic Mile End neighbourhood. Performances include Grammy Award-winning jazz artist **Jennifer Gasoi**, gospel, jazz and soul infusions by Juno Award-winning singer/songwriter **Dawn Tyler Watson**, Oscar Peterson Award-winning jazz singer **Susie Arioli** and upbeat Celtic tunes by the prolific **Solstice Trio**.

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Feature image: Linda and Hainya Wiseman, by Bobbi Jo Hart

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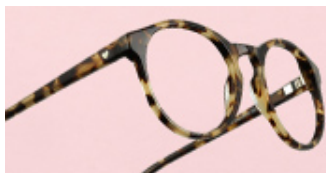
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The **English Language Arts Network (ELAN)** is a meeting place for English-language artists and cultural workers of all disciplines from every region of Quebec, where they can share expertise and resources, build audiences and alliances, seek support, advocate for their interests, and make common cause with the Francophone arts community.



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