

## **SILAS JAMES**

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### **SUMMARY**

I am a bilingual (EN/FR) trans writer, theatre-maker and event producer based in Montréal, working primarily within queer, trans and feminist communities. My practice spans creative nonfiction, fiction, poetry and performance, and is rooted in small, community-run spaces such as co-ops, bookstores and DIY venues. I am currently developing *We All Died At The Lesbian Bar*, a surreal, darkly comic play about gaslighting, gossip and community complicity in queer relationships, premiering at the Montréal Fringe Festival in June 2026.

Across forms, I explore intimacy, harm and how stories travel in small scenes: who gets believed, who disappears, and how communities might practice care instead of quiet exclusion. I'm especially interested in formally experimental, accessible work that blends humour, dread and structural play.

Alongside writing, I have several years of experience producing events in Montréal's underground and alternative arts scenes—often as a “one-person band” handling logistics, technical coordination and outreach. As a trans artist working in a minority-language context, I ground my work in anti-oppressive frameworks, harm reduction and consent-based processes. My goal is to build a sustainable, community-rooted practice that creates paid, mentored opportunities for queer and trans artists while developing new ways of staging difficult stories in small, flexible spaces.

### **ARTS & CULTURAL TRAINING AND LEARNING**

#### **Québec Writers' Federation – Workshops & Mentorship**

Montréal / online · 2023–present

- Playwriting, fiction and creative nonfiction workshops.
- Script development and dramaturgical feedback from English-language playwrights in Québec.

#### **Self-directed training**

Ongoing

- Independent study of theatre, performance and hybrid literary forms.
- Regular attendance at local readings and small-venue performances as research into Montréal's queer/trans and English-language performance ecosystems.

#### **Formal education (contextual)**

- **Honours BA, History** – Concordia University, Montréal (2023)
- **Honours BSC, Archaeology** – Trent University, Peterborough (2021)

### **ARTISTIC & CULTURAL WORK PRESENTED TO THE PUBLIC**

#### **We All Died At The Lesbian Bar** (play – forthcoming)

Playwright / Producer / Director

- Montréal Fringe Festival, Montréal, QC – June 2026 (confirmed).

### **Featured Poet – Support Young Artist Showcase**

Poetry reading

- Support Collective, Montréal, QC – April 2025.

### **Panel Moderator – L'Euguelionne “Rencontre”**

Artist talk / public conversation

- L'Euguelionne feminist bookstore, Montréal, QC – April 2024.

### **Literary publications – forthcoming (January 2026)**

Poetry, fiction and creative nonfiction

- **Yolk Literary** – Montréal.
- **Soliloquies Literary Magazine** – Montréal.
- **The Veg Literary Magazine** – Montréal.
- **Crabapple Literary Magazine** – Montréal.

## **ARTISTS & COMMUNITY COLLABORATION / WORK EXPERIENCE**

### **Cooperative Bar Milton Parc**

Events & Communications Coordinator / Venue Manager · Montréal, QC · 2024–present

- Program and produce performances, screenings, karaoke, trivia nights, workshops and fundraisers in a solidarity-cooperative bar.
- Coordinate logistics, staffing, basic budgets and accessibility; build partnerships with local artists and grassroots groups.

### **TransmascMTL**

Lead Event Producer · Montréal, QC · 2023–present

- Design and run parties, social mixers, panels and resource events for transmasculine and non-binary community members.
- Liaise between venues, talent and collaborators; implement safer-space, harm reduction and access practices.

### **Bedroc MTL**

Talent Booker & Artist Outreach · Montréal, QC · 2023–present

- Book performers and DJs for underground/alternative events.
- Support emerging queer and trans artists in accessing stage time.

### **Rock Camp Montréal / Camp Rock Montréal**

Board Vice-President / HR Committee Chair; Event Producer · Montréal, QC · 2021–2024

- Co-organized weeklong feminist music camps for youth and fundraiser showcases featuring gender-marginalized musicians.
- Led outreach, safer-space policy work, and aspects of governance and budgeting.

### **Support Young Artists Collective**

Organizer / Lineup Curator · Montréal, QC · 2024–present

- Curate and organize multidisciplinary showcases for emerging artists, often presenting work publicly for the first time.

### **L'Euguelionne – Queer Feminist Cooperative Bookstore**

Worker-Member · Montréal, QC · 2023–2024

- Supported readings, launches and community events; helped coordinate promotional materials and in-store cultural programming.

### **AIDS Community Care Montréal (ACCM)**

Site Administrator · Montréal, QC · 2024

- Assisted with logistics for sexual health and harm reduction workshops and events.
- Ensured participants had clear information and access to resources; upheld safer-space practices.

### **Montréal Trans Patients Union (MTPU)**

Resource & Advocacy Committee Chair · Montréal, QC · 2023–present

- Co-develop workshops and resources for trans and non-binary people navigating healthcare.
- Integrate narrative and participatory elements into health-justice events.

## **OTHER RELEVANT ACTIVITIES**

### **Media Coverage & Interviews**

- *Queercorps*, CKUT 90.3FM – Episode on TransmascMTL – 2025.
- “Community In Every Key,” *The Link* (feature on my work with Bar Milton Parc/arts organizing) – 2025.
- “Inside Canada’s Trans Healthcare Maze,” *The Eyeopener* – 2024.
- *Queercorps*, CKUT 90.3FM – Episode on Rock Camp Montréal – 2024.

### **Facilitation, Teaching & Mentorship (selected)**

- Informal mentorship and facilitation with youth and volunteers at Rock Camp Montréal (songwriting, performance confidence, band dynamics) – 2022–2024.
- Ongoing peer mentorship for emerging queer and trans artists through co-ops, TransmascMTL and Support events.

### **Memberships & Affiliations**

- General Member - Québec Writers’ Federation
- Member, Cooperative Bar Milton Parc (solidarity cooperative).
- Former worker-member, L'Euguelionne feminist bookstore.
- Board/committee roles with Rock Camp Montréal and Montréal Trans Patients Union.