

THE CaDaily

2026 AFTER EDITION

ONE FINAL ROUND OF NEWS, FUN STORIES
AND VARIOUS RUMORS FROM

CaDansa
Balfolk Festival

Once more hello to all you CaDansians!

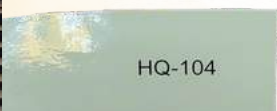
Hopefully everyone made it safely back home, filled with warm, amazing memories, dances and music still in our bodies and minds. And now the closing ceremony tears have dried, and the laundry pile (im)patiently waits, we've got one final CaDaily for you: the post-CaDansa edition!

THERE WERE SIGNS

In order to point all CaDansians in the right directions and be as informative & helpful as we can be, there are quite a few signs put up around the Meenthe. And there's a whole system (as well as a strict "how to tape them to the walls" protocol) to stay organized and keep track of them all!



Even the FOMO window looking out from HQ on the dancefloor has a sign. Including a number!



The sign to the volunteer area got a small but hilarious correction



And remember the volunteer who got stuck in the shower? A sign to prevent repeat lock ups was made in no time!



CADANSA 2027

21 - 24 October at the Meenthe!

ONE LAST GUESS

We started the CaDaily with an HQ guess, and we'll end with one:

What percentage of people at HQ plays cello?

1. 17%
2. 33,3%
3. 50%
4. 66,6%

Find the answer at the end of this CaDaily!

TO QUOTE OR NOT TO QUOTE?

(SPOILER: ANSWER IS YES, ALWAYS QUOTE)

There were quite some (we suspect newly invented) proverbs shared, as well as interesting quotes, often without any context.

So one more round of zero context quotes!

- "Ants! Ants!"
- "It's a gateway drug into autism"
- "We are going to beat mayonaise, get drunk, and have an interesting time."
- "Harder! No, even harder!"
- "Once you go harem, you never go back."

Special mention for the two quotes that did come with context:

- "Another argument in favor of the banana" - How to structure your line in Rondeau en chaîne.
- He: "This is my ex-girlfriend." She: "This my first husband." - A recently married couple introducing themselves to someone.

ONCE UPON A ... PACK OF FLOUR?

With the amount of people telling us about the pack of flour, it seemed best we told this story with pictures.

Once upon a time...



Our safety coördinator had to remove a pack of flour from the dance hall.



A note was left, and the pack moved to the info stand.



Note reads: "Must stand here, not my idea!"

And there it remained, waiting... Nobody came for it. It went to HQ, and with the "meligheid" there it fit right in. The end.

CADANSA - THE EFTELING OF BALFOLK FESTIVALS! HAPPY FEELINGS AND AMAZING MEMORIES MADE

"CaDansa is the Efteling* of the balfolk festivals"

"I like to come back to CalmDanca - it is my every year routine to come back to the same place and people and feel safe here!"

These are just a few of the compliments we heard about the festival, organisers & volunteers, and all the details that turn it into so much more than just another festival.

And how CaDansa is so amazing thanks to all of us being (t)here and creating this experience together ❤️

With people all the way from Motueka in New Zealand sending their greetings!

Through King Gizzard & the Lizard Wizards t-shirt based interactions with a bar volunteer.

Surprise dancing in the ballet room to a very talented pianist.

The joy of 1,5 years of scheming with a whole friend group coming to fruition, and finally getting two guys to wear the same t-shirt at the same time

(*the Efteling is a fairytale inspired amusement park in the Netherlands)

DID YOU KNOW...

- All the birch trees are ONE being?
- Fake feta is made out of hopes & dreams?
- A cat helped with deconstruction, and another cat helped Fulco in his van?
- The "Kabouterdansen" is a Scottish?
- Someone saw their first striped cow?
- Juni Hag played on open stage despite a sprained hand?
- A cercle circassian can provide excellent biceps training?
- You could have been dancing with Steenwijk locals on Thursday?

OMNOMNOM

Lucky for us the Meenthe provides such delicious meals and snacks! With the amounts of dancing and energy spent, it's no wonder food was on people's minds.

From someone having to share the joy of eating a large pizza outside, to fries with mandarin sorbet being described as an "epic CaDansa combo"*. And a "cheese is delicious in the weekend"**.

* which the haven't been able to fact check

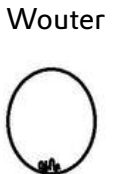
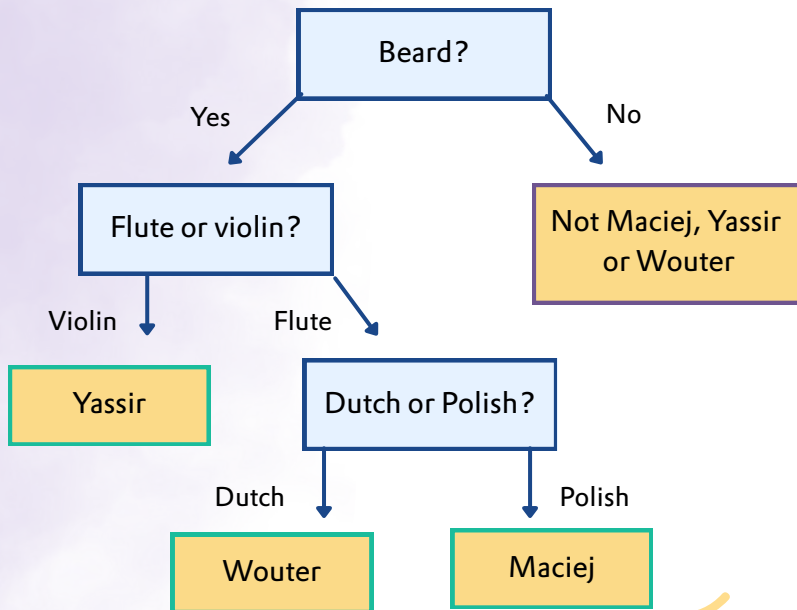
** which doesn't need fact checking, cheese is delicious always

NO MORE CONFUSION!

Or at least, no more confusion on this specific issue, ahem...

For years Maciej, Yassir and Wouter have been suffering from people mixing them up. For example, this year Maciej got complimented for a small workshop Yassir gave! No more! This ends now, with this CaDaily, because we're sharing the incredibly helpful identification tools offered to us, thanks to Yassir.

Whether flow charts, tables or beard visualizations are more your thing, there's no more reason not to know who's who!



Maciej	Yassir	Wouter
Polish	Dutch	Dutch
Flute	Violin	Flute

Look-a-likes are a serious ongoing challenge during CaDansa! Yassir himself thought Mr. Folxlide made a surprise appearance. But upon closer introductions it turned out to be Mr. Fauxlide. Looks like we need more flow charts...

We're not 100% sure, but suspect HQ sent this still to practice spotting differences between volunteers. Happy practicing!



Now you can use the flow chart to figure out who this is!



THANKS THANKS THANKS!

As this year's new CaDaily editor-in-chief, I want to grab this little corner of opportunity for an enormous THANK YOU, to my team, to the CaDansa organisation, the volunteers and all CaDansians! Because while I can come up with all sorts of ideas and the shiniest of mailboxes, without the wonderful, funny, touching, creative input from you all, it wouldn't be the CaDaily 🧡

Thanks and see you next year!
Josien

MASCOT MATCH MAKER

One of our reporters helped Babbel (one of the mascots we interviewed) set up a dance date. With a Raven even! We wish them a wonderful dance together at Balhalla!

GOOD OL' RUMOUR SAYS...

Apparently a main stage artist from Friday fell asleep right before their performance. Did he need his beauty sleep, some extra energy or was he just bored?

After the la Soubirane concert and their last humming song-dance, there was a non stop singing queue for at least 10 minutes in the womens toilet .

Someone said "you're welcome" on autopilot instead of thank you when their dance partner thanked them after the dance they did together.

ONE CAN ALWAYS TRY

- ... to quickly decide right of way during a plinn by a round of rock paper scissors.
- ... to make up for grocery delivery issues with a pack of chicken schnitzels.
- ... to summon more volunteers during construction with wild arm gestures.
- ... to use our mailboxes for free promotion of a new album (we won't say which band but it ends with Cabin...).

A new chapter began in Edwins romance with Slups (which started a few years ago): Slups developed a new kink which Edwin doesn't entirely agree with - he said with Slups wrapped around his neck.

The couch on front of house (techniek hoek!) is very esthetically pleasant but was said to smell like an old lady smoked her ass off for many many years.

NEW WORKSHOP HEIGHTS REACHED EVEN BEFORE THE FIRST LIFT!

One person sent us this photo of Sophie's workshop 'To lift or not to lift': "... was already full in the first 5 minutes! No more space on the stage meant people had to plank in between the seats for the warming-up." And someone else wrote: "40 people are allowed on stage, but there are 80 people watching!"

Sophie told us:

Raven and I thought maybe 20 people would show up... it's wonderful to know people want to learn how to keep each other safe on the dance floor and learn some fun new moves at the same time. I hope the (micro)dips and (mini)lift give people an extra way to connect in dance and give some support in dances like the congo. For all the people asking for a part two, I'd say yes! When and where?!



BRANLE D'O00000000HSSAU

When you try to be off reporter duty during the Branle Béarnais workshop but Koen Dhondt turns out to be too good a source to not make some quick notes:

Koen: "It's your right to make mistakes"

~~Reporter~~ Participant whispers: "But I don't have the mental capacity to deal with them!"

"Verticality, explore it, play with it, it makes dances *lots of whooshing noises & big hand gestures*"

And some gasps could be heard when he confessed "Sometimes I'm the one chatting on the dance floor".

OUR DEEREST PUNS

Answer to One last guess: Half of HQ plays the cello!

And of course there were a lot of deer related puns. Which it be-hooves us to share our favourites:

- Oh deer, we have a new mascot. Time to show our best dance hooves.
- I've always been a fawn of CaDansa. And I feel like a thousands bucks that I get to volunteer again even doe the odds were staged against me.
- I wonder whether we will get moose for dessert this time. That would be so much fawn!
- Will they play an antler-dro?

And a few extra for the Dutchies:

- Ik vroeg iemand ten dans te CaDansa 2026, maar ik werd gewei-gerd
- Wordt de frequentie van muziek gemeten in herts?
- En zijn er weer hertige hapjes bij de bar?
- Ja, ik heb een redelijk deel van mijn dag hier aan geweid.



ZERO STAG-E FRIGHT

If you were at CaDansa, you saw the amazing, beautiful, majestic red deer on the main stage. And while it looked like he had years of experience being on stage, even doing a sound check in between looking awesome and impressive, we received this little anecdote from the Deco team:

"That giant stag on the main stage, we made it entirely on Wednesday! Bought the wood, drew it on, cut it out, painted it (used a hair dryer in between layers to make it dry faster), & assembled it. We're very proud."

That is an achievement to be proud of! Skipping the Bambi stage and going straight to main stage performer four days in a row!

And that's it for 2026! Leaving the final words to the true geniuses behind it all:

THANK YOU FOR ANOTHER **CATDANSA** FULL OF PURRRFECT MEOWMENTS

