

# Portrait of the *ambassadors*



The 1990s

## **Yannick Bergeron**

### **Chemistry teacher Collège Saint-Jean-Vianney**

#### **Exhibitor in 1993 and 1994**

Yannick Bergeron entered his first Science Fair in Montréal in 1993 at age 15. Taking part for the second time a year later, he made it to the Canada-Wide Science Fair with his project on the micro-propagation of Venus flytraps. Above all, he discovered his calling as a science communicator.

Since then, Mr. Bergeron has popularized science in all types of ways, notably within the *Débrouillards* movement, where he has long worked as a class facilitator, day camp leader, trainer, designer of scientific experiments and author of teaching material. From 1999 to 2003, he was also a researcher with the TV show *Les Débrouillards* (since discontinued), where he conceptualized the various experiments that Gregory Charles presented on camera.

Today, as a chemistry teacher at Collège Saint-Jean-Vianney, he continues to convey this passion to his students and does the same at his science camps and special activities, notably “La nuit des sciences” and “Les soirées d’Halloween scientifique,” as well as at his show “La magie de la chimie,” presented to nearly 15,000 students at schools in the Montréal area.

Ever willing to promote the Science Fairs, he has often agreed to be a judge, to support his students’ projects and to help set up stands. “I strive to make my classes joyful and magical and to capture students’ attention through games,” he says. “This makes things more pleasant, and not just for them! I learn as much from my students as they learn from me. To my way of seeing things, the Science Fairs have the great merit of making science fun.”