



QUARTIER DES SPECTACLES MONTRÉAL

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On May 17, open your eyes: The Quartier des spectacles invites you to celebrate Montreal

Montreal, May 16 2011 – On May 17, the Quartier des spectacles celebrates the Fête de Montréal – the anniversary of the founding of the city – with a big surprise for everyone who loves the metropolis. For six full hours, 90 artists will surprise the public with 300 performances, offered in 40 locations at three different nodes in the Quartier des spectacles.

“We wanted to give our residents and visitors a magnificent gift, in keeping with the spirit of Montreal’s cultural heart: it’s not only a unique showcase for creation with its broad cultural diversity, it’s also a powerful urban creative laboratory packed into a single square kilometer. We wanted to enliven the Quartier differently across its various streets, parks and public spaces. The Fête de Montréal is a chance to celebrate our own cultural effervescence. From one end of the Quartier to another, you’ll be able to experience, celebrate and catch all the daring and authenticity we have in store for you” explained Pierre Fortin, Quartier des spectacles Partnership general director.

This Tuesday, the Quartier des spectacles is inviting everyone to come make the Quartier their own. We’ve put 300 delectable encounters with local artists and creators on the menu, covering disciplines as varied as music, theatre, dance, humour, poetry, fashion, multimedia and circus arts. Spread out from the Quartier Latin node, to the Intersection of the Mains, to Place des Arts, the celebrations will kick off from 7:30 to 9:30 AM for the morning rush, run from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM for the lunchtime crowd, and wrap up from 3:30 to 5:30 PM in the afternoon, to let as many people as possible enjoy the show.

This day of activities is a production of the Quartier des spectacles Partnership, in collaboration with more than 90 artists and partners. Philippe Laperrière is the art director and coordinator, assisted by Judith St-Pierre.

On May 17, open your eyes to the amazement around you!

About the Quartier des spectacles

Festivals aren’t the only time that the Quartier comes alive. All 12 months of the year, at any hour of the day, the Quartier des spectacles offers visitors an exceptional range of activities: cinema, theatre, dance, exhibitions, technological art, music concerts, operas, comedy shows, improvisation, design competitions, and on and on. A different experience emerges with every step. To find it, just follow the red dots that appear on the sidewalk at nightfall. For more details: www.quartierdespectacles.com.

THE FÊTE DE MONTRÉAL IN THE QUARTIER DES SPECTACLES

3 nodes / 40 locations
90 artists / 300 performances
Morning, midday and after work / 6 hours of activities

IT'S TIME TO CELEBRATE!

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