

## *Cet été chez Émilie: exceptional lunchtime fun!*

Montreal, May 29, 2013 – In the coming months, Place Émilie-Gamelin will host seven different lunchtime events showcasing Montreal's culinary and artistic talent. The festive Thursdays, produced in collaboration with several partners, include performances, temporary installations and six food trucks, changing from week to week. Starting this Thursday, May 30, tables, umbrellas and giant chessboards will provide a fun setting for outdoor lunches in the heart of downtown. New this year: a flower market will liven up the Place even more.

### SUMMER PROGRAMMING FOR PLACE ÉMILIE-GAMELIN

#### **Thursday, May 30 starting at 11:30 a.m.**

**6 food trucks:** Grumman 78 // Smooth Fruit // Dispatch // Landry et filles // Winneburger // Lucky's Truck

Cirque Éloïze presents a sneak preview of excerpts from its new show, *Cirkopolis*, in advance of its November performances at Place des Arts. The production transports us into a world where fantasy challenges dull everyday realities. Directed by Dave St-Pierre and Jeannot Painchaud.

Meanwhile, the eight wacky characters played by the **NomadUrbains** street-theatre company will wander around the area, interacting with spectators.

The public is also invited to experience *Cueillir un nuage* – a chance to harvest one of 1,000 balls of cotton candy that will be placed in the square. Each will be accompanied by a card with a story about the space. This edible social installation was designed by Albane Guy and Anik Poirier, and produced by Poirier and La Camaraderie.

#### **Thursday, June 13, starting at 11:30 a.m.**

**6 food trucks**

A massive **urban art pow-wow** will happen in Place Émilie-Gamelin: five painting collectives will create emblematic totems while DJs will take turns filling the space with tribal rhythms. Come out and see **EN MASSE**, **Cease**, **Bruxas crew**, **Trio magnus** (Toronto) and **Gaïa** (Baltimore) at work. The totems will remain in Place Émilie-Gamelin until June 16 as part of the 14<sup>th</sup> Festival International Montréal en Arts (FIMA).

**Thursday, June 20, starting at 11:30 a.m.**

**6 food trucks**

A key Quebec theatre institution, acclaimed both at home and abroad, the **Ligue nationale d'improvisation (LNI)** presents an improv match featuring a line-up of seasoned vets – Réal Bossé, Salomé Corbo, Frédéric Barbusci, Sophie Caron, Joëlle Paré-B. and Louis Courchesne – in a no-holds-barred contest.

**Thursday, August 1, starting at 11:30 a.m.**

**6 food trucks + Fruixi** – mobile fruit and vegetable seller

A collective nutritional event on the theme of eating healthy, local fare will include **sensory experiences, culinary discoveries and local products as well as demonstrations and creative workshops for kids**. Part of Équiterre's **Épluche ta ville** initiative, which will be launched on May 30, this event, held in collaboration with La Tablee des chefs and Les ateliers cinq épices, will delight taste buds of all ages!

**Espace forain and Les Cyclotraqués** will give the proceedings a playful touch with fun, folksy music performed by a wild group of characters perched atop a high stage, itself mounted on bikes.

**Thursday, August 8, starting at 11:30 a.m.**

**6 food trucks + Fruixi** – mobile fruit and vegetable seller

M pour Montréal takes over the Place with a line-up of up-and-coming performers. Don't miss this chance to hear the local music scene's latest and greatest!

**Thursday, August 22, starting at 11:30 a.m.**

**6 food trucks + Fruixi** – mobile fruit and vegetable seller

Have lunch with a playful performance on the side – a roving clown show combining theatre and circus – that will bring a smile to the grumpiest faces!

**Thursday, August 29, starting at 11:30 a.m.**

**6 food trucks + Fruixi** – mobile fruit and vegetable seller

An hour of brand new, multidisciplinary performances presented by the **Regroupement des arts de rue du Québec**.

## Details:

Food trucks: dates as noted, 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Fruixi: dates as noted, 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Performances/art: dates as noted, 12:15 to 1:15 p.m.

Tables, chairs, umbrellas, chess, street musicians: daily from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Flower market: Monday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. (closed in case of rain)

Several other events will be held in Place Émilie-Gamelin in the coming months: **Les Emballés-POESIS** (June 1 and 2), **Différents comme tout le monde** (June 6), **FIMA** (June 13 to 16), **Cinéma sous les étoiles** (June 18), **Montréal complètement cirque** (July 3 to 13) and **Fierté Montréal Pride** (June 14 to 18).

Every summer since 2010, the Quartier des Spectacles Partnership has installed street furniture in Place Émilie-Gamelin and organized a program of activities to complement those produced by its partners (the events listed above), with the aim of using culture to encourage local residents and workers to enjoy the space to the fullest. These initiatives have helped increase foot traffic in the space, diversified the user base and improved Montrealers' perception of Place Émilie-Gamelin.

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