

Marathon des arts: a cultural jog through Quartier des Spectacles!

Montreal, September 23, 2013 – It's back! For a third year, the major institutions of Quartier des Spectacles are setting up tents for the Journées de la culture.

Cultural marathoners take note: on **September 28 and 29**, Sainte-Catherine Street is all yours! Nine crown jewels of Quebec culture invite you into the tents they'll pitch for the occasion between Jeanne-Mance and Saint-Urbain, on **Saturday from 1 to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 1 to 3 p.m.**

From the starting block to the finish line, the route will be dotted with artistic highlights. In its tent, the **Orchestre symphonique de Montréal** will present short performances of its most beloved pieces. Meanwhile, the **Théâtre du Nouveau Monde** tent will feature a public reading of *Albertine, en cinq temps* directed by Lorraine Pintal.

At the **Musée d'art contemporain** tent, marathoners who are good with their hands can help make a collage inspired by the work of Fritz Brandtner. At the **Goethe-Institut**, artist in residence Benjamin Bergmann will reproduce a famous scene by cabaret legend Karl Valentin.

After warming up with all those stops, why not cool down with an invigorating poetry shower at **Bibliothèques et Archives nationales du Québec**, where the words of Gérald Godin will wash over you as read by poetry slammer Ivy or interdisciplinary artist D. Kimm, plus musical accompaniment.

Opéra de Montréal is also getting in on the act by showing you what it's like to listen to an opera singer from just a few metres away. The **DUCEPPE** theatre company will make you part of its program by putting your image on the play poster of your choice. **Place des Arts** will present excerpts of plays by two companies: *Théâtre dans la chambre #1* by Création dans la chambre and *projet T* by Satellite Théâtre. The latter performance is the product of a residency hosted jointly by Place des Arts and the Quartier des Spectacles Partnership.

Young marathoners will also have plenty to enjoy, with **Maison Théâtre** presenting excerpts from a pair of upcoming productions: a reading from *Pinocchio* and the play *Grand Méchant Loup* by Dynamo Théâtre.

Joining you for the marathon will be a group of "1950s Main waitresses" inspired by the works of Michel Tremblay, reciting lines by the celebrated playwright.

CONTEST – After such a culture-packed couple of days, everyone will have a chance to win the grand prize. Marathon des arts participants will have the chance to win a cultural gift pack valued at \$1700, including:

- A \$200 gift certificate for La Vitrine, good for tickets to the show of your choice in **Quartier des Spectacles**
- 2 subscriptions for the 2013-14 season at **Théâtre du Nouveau Monde (TNM)**
- 1 family package (2 adults, 2 children) for a performance of your choice at **Maison Théâtre**
- 1 pair of tickets to *Cirkopolis* by Cirque Éloize at Théâtre Maisonneuve and one pair of tickets to see RUBBERBANDance Group in the 5^e salle at **Place des Arts**
- 1 pair of tickets to the classical concert *The OSM Plays Shakespeare*
- 1 pair of tickets to *Hänsel and Gretel* by Engelbert Humperdinck performed by the Atelier Lyrique de l'**Opéra de Montréal**
- 1 pair of tickets to a play at **Théâtre Jean-Duceppe**
- 1 pair of tickets to the monthly *Achtung Film* series presented by the **Goethe Institut**
- 1 copy of *BAnQ – Un siècle d'histoire* courtesy of **Bibliothèques et Archives nationales du Québec (BAnQ)**
- 2 passes for the **Musée d'art contemporain (MAC)**

On your mark... get set... go!

ABOUT Quartier des spectacles

Quartier des Spectacles has been Montreal's cultural heart for more than a century. Today, it is also a hub of economic, urban and cultural development, with many assets that are helping establish Montreal as a leading cultural metropolis. A vibrant creative zone, open to artistic diversity and cultural cross-pollination, the Quartier has something for everyone, from digital-arts aficionados to fans of world music. Every month of the year and every hour of the day, Montrealers and visitors converge on its 80 venues, 40 festivals and seven squares and public spaces. Part of a unique urban fabric, the boldly illuminated Quartier des Spectacles is an essential destination for anyone looking for a thrilling cultural experience. For more information, visit quartierdesspectacles.com.

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