

Free Wi-Fi in Quartier des Spectacles' public spaces starting May 15

Montreal, April 10, 2013 – Starting May 15, free wireless Internet access will be available in most of Quartier des Spectacles' public spaces: Place des Festivals, Promenade des Artistes, the Parterre, Place de la Paix, the Sainte-Catherine Street pedestrian zone and Place Émilie-Gamelin.

In keeping with the Ville de Montréal's commitment to providing free public Wi-Fi, the new service is designed to improve the Quartier des Spectacles experience for residents, students, workers, visitors and tourists.

As a large open-air theatre, the Quartier is also installing the new infrastructure in order to enhance the technological conditions for presenting its productions and those of event promoters and organizers active in the Quartier. Because interactivity is increasingly important in digital arts, free Internet access will, among other things, make it possible to encourage even greater public participation.

Some of the Wi-Fi access points will be solar-powered, and all will be connected to the underground fibre-optic network in Quartier des Spectacles (totalling 5 km), resulting in fast, high-quality access. Like all networks, it has a maximum capacity, in this case 3,000 simultaneous users.

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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