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The Mozaïk network: Vaudreuil-Dorion's new cultural hub

Vaudreuil-Dorion, October 24, 2018 – The City of Vaudreuil-Dorion is pleased to announce the creation of its new cultural network called the Mozaïk network. This network will bring together the different cultural areas/locations within the territory of Vaudreuil-Dorion including the Musée régional de Vaudreuil-Soulanges, Maison Trestler, Maison Félix-Leclerc, Saint-Michel Church, Centre d'archives de Vaudreuil-Soulanges and the municipal library, in addition to including all of the territory's cultural organizations.

The purpose of this network is to gather the territory's cultural locations together so that citizens can enjoy all of the options available to them in one convenient location. "For over a year and a half, we have been working on developing a concept that will help us collaborate more effectively with our different organizations. This particular project is focused on helping build an identity for the cultural activities within our territory. We hope that creating an umbrella under which our many cultural options will be available to citizens in a single location will have a powerful impact on promoting our sites, organizations and artists.

Vaudreuil-Dorion is an undisputed leader when it comes to culture. The Agenda 21 for culture project is a prime example of the community's desire to work together and collaborate. This particular project is one for which we receive financial assistance from the Ministère de la Culture et des Communications," stated Michel Vallée, Director of the City of Vaudreuil-Dorion's Recreation and Culture Department.

The name given to this network is the logical follow-up to various cultural actions taken since the creation of the Je suis... project in 2010. The Je suis... monument, erected at Maison-Valois Park, has become an anchor for the cultural mediation project. As Michel Vallée mentions: This public work of art emphasizes the diversity, pride and sense of belonging felt by the citizens of Vaudreuil-Dorion. In addition to this monument, one of the highlights of our project was the Mozaïk exhibition, comprised of 10,000 citizens' pictures located in the same park. After the exhibition came the Mozaïk parade—so, it was only natural that we had to follow suit and give our network the same name too!"

Tools

Different tools will be implemented in an effort to help the Mozaïk network truly come to life. These will include a Web site (as well as a Web magazine), a cultural agenda and Cultural Contact Points. All of these elements, the graphic signature of which has been entrusted to Éric Léger from Les Manifestes, will be presented to the media and the public in early 2019. Until this grand unveiling takes place, CSUR La Télé will add a show, also named Mozaïk, to its programming line-up. Spotighting the different members of the Mozaïk network, artists and

cultural activities, the Mozaïk show will air starting in November. Patrick Richard, a well-known journalist in our region who is also actively involved in the cultural world, will be hosting. He will also be the editor-in-chief of the Web magazine. “The arrival of the Mozaïk network is the natural follow-up to the Je suis... project and the perfect opportunity to spotlight a multitude of talents and activities flourishing in Vaudreuil-Dorion. I am honoured to be such an integral part of this project and invite the entire population to stay tuned so they can enjoy a regular dose of culture,” commented Patrick Richard.

2019 will be an important year. In addition to the launch of the Mozaïk network, the City of Vaudreuil-Dorion will welcome the Les Arts et la Ville symposium, an event that brings together 300 mayors, municipal councillors and officials, entrepreneurs, artists, researchers, culture professionals and representatives from the government of Quebec as well as from the Acadian and Canadian French Francophonie.