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Art Workshops, Exhibitions and Encounters: All part of the exciting Fall program at Maison Félix-Leclerc

Vaudreuil-Dorion, August 26th, 2020 – Maison Félix-Leclerc is making plans to resume some of its activities this Fall. The artist-in-residence program will once again make it possible for artists to come and express their creative talent and give creative workshops within the walls where the famous former owner of the property at 186 chemin de l'Anse found his own inspiration. Evening Encounters will also be back but will be held at the Opticentre St-Jean-Baptiste instead, and will be featuring guest artist Vincent Vallières on October 2, among others.

September will provide artist Fabienne Legrand with the opportunity to create a piece inspired by nature, just as Felix did so skillfully with wild fauna and flora, and bears. Ms. Legrand will also be offering free creative workshops.

In October, the Traitdartiste collective, comprised of artists Louise Barnabé, Francine Bertrand, Francine Boisvert, Estelle Chamberland, Nicole Daigneault, Nicole Dorion, Michel Dufour, Claire Gervais, Jacinthe Richard, Odette Roy and Marthe Villeneuve, will work on a mosaic based on a photo of Maison Félix-Leclerc. Creative workshops will be offered on weekends by a few members of the group.

In November and December, it will be the turn of Stephan Daigle and Annouchka Gravel-Galouchko to take up residence and create visual works and original poems which the duo will recite or sing to the sound of music inspired by a mix of different folklores.

A Change of Venue for Evening Encounters

In order to make it possible to accommodate a larger audience while respecting the measures issued by Public Health, the City of Vaudreuil-Dorion has decided to move its Evening Encounters to the Opticentre St-Jean-Baptiste (145 boul. Harwood). Vincent Vallières, whose appearance had to be postponed twice for reasons beyond our control, will be the first guest of the season on October 2 at 7:30 p.m. On November 6, the public is invited to meet singer-songwriter Philippe Brach, the talented author of *Alice* and *Troupeaux*. Finally, on December 4, citizens will have the pleasure of meeting actress Anne-Marie Cadieux, who acted in the television series *Yamaska* and appeared in countless plays. All Evening Encounters will be animated by seasoned host Marjorie Vallée, whose voice can be heard by fans on weekend mornings on Rythme fm.

A Home for Visual Arts

True to its nature, Maison Félix-Leclerc will be featuring art in all its forms this season. In addition to the artists-in-residence who will be busy creating a variety of works, the locale will

continue its mission by providing a place for local artists to showcase their work. Marie-Ève Bourbonnais will install her creations at the site to share her art with the public from November 6 to December 13. Originally from Coteau-du-Lac and now a resident of Vaudreuil-Dorion, Ms. Bourbonnais works with movement, texture, layers and colours to express her talent in her paintings. From September 11 to November 1, Monique Chéry will unveil *L'univers de Charlotterie*, a collection of works using ink and water and alcohol ink. The artist draws her inspiration from the two great painters Miro and Kandinsky.

Paying Tribute to the House

Among the exhibitions to be hosted at the venue this Fall will be one suggested by the Société de sauvegarde pour la mémoire de Félix Leclerc. To mark its 20th anniversary, the organization will be offering an exhibition highlighting its achievements over the past two decades, including the building's restoration project. The public will be able to visit the exhibition from September 11 to November 1.

Please note that the activities of Maison Félix-Leclerc are open to all. Due to physical distancing measures, the number of places available for workshops and Evening Encounters are limited. Those interested in participating must register for activities through the City's website at ville.vaudreuil-dorion.qc.ca. Also, masks will be required both inside Maison-Valois and at the Opticentre.

To learn more about the programming: www.maisonfelixleclerc.org