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A Full Program of Events for Fall at Maison Félix-Leclerc

Vaudreuil-Dorion, August 26, 2021 – This Fall, Maison Félix-Leclerc is resuming its usual activities by offering the population a variety of events. Indeed, artists-in-residence will once again be able to come create and host workshops in the same space that once inspired the former owner of 186, chemin de l'Anse as of October. La Mèz evening encounters will also be back, notably featuring David Goudreault on the evening of September 16th, but will be held at the Opticentre St-Jean-Baptiste.

“The entire team is thrilled to finally be able to present a new program after all those long difficult months. We are truly excited to welcome the artists back to the venue and see them reconnect with the public!” commented Chloé Marcil, Head of The Culture and Community Life Department.

Artists-in-Residence

October will provide an opportunity for the Traitd'artiste group of artists, made up of Louise Barnabé, Francine Bertrand, Francine Boisvert, Estelle Chamberland, Nicole Daigneault, Nicole Dorion, Michel Dufour, Claire Gervais, Jacinthe Richard, Odette Roy and Marthe Villeneuve, to work on a collective project. Creative workshops will also be offered on Saturdays by some members of the group. In November, it will be the turn of poet-collagist Mathieu Dubé to take on the role of artist-in-residence. Four creative workshops will be offered to the public on Sundays.

The return of La Mèz 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, Harwood Boulevard). David Goudreault, author of the famous trilogy *La bête*, will be the first guest of the season on Thursday, September 16th at 7:30 p.m. On Friday, October 1st, the public is invited to come and meet Vincent Vallières, whose appearance had to be postponed several times. Finally, on Thursday, October 21st, the public will be treated to an encounter with singer-songwriter Philippe Brach, to whom we owe *Alice et Le silence des troupeaux*. All these evening encounters will be hosted by Marjorie Vallée, radio host with Rythme fm.

Evening activities including Jam au salon, Jassettes chez Félix and theatre performances will take place at the Maison Félix-Leclerc (186, chemin de l'Anse). the public will be treated to jam performances from the likes of Laurent Barsalou, Clément Courtois and Vladimir Sidorov, discussions with Nadine Walsh, François Lavallée and Jean-Sébastien de la Chevrotière, and theatre with Denis Morin, Baobab - Création multidisciplinaire, and the Théâtre Université de Montréal.

A home for visual arts

True to its nature, Maison Félix-Leclerc will be featuring art in all its forms throughout the Fall. In addition to the artists-in-residence who will be creating various works onsite, the venue will continue its mission by providing a place for local artists to showcase their work. Rodzy, a Latino citizen-artist from Chile, will present his creations from October 1st to December 12. On the same dates, Tina Marais Struthers will exhibit her *Ubuntu* collection, a series of five multidisciplinary works (music, textile art, dance, photo, video) which describe the emotional journey experienced during the COVID-19 lockdown and the resulting personal metamorphosis. This creative project is set against the backdrop of a jazz music composition and contemporary textile art. Lastly, the public will have an opportunity to view the second phase of the literary exhibition *Conversations poétiques*, which will be presented in the venue's gardens.

The activities taking place at Maison Félix-Leclerc are open to all. Due to the existing health measures, the number of places available for workshops and La Mèz evenings is limited. Those wishing to attend must sign up in advance on the City's website at ville.vaudreuil-dorion.qc.ca, under Registration for Activities. It should also be noted that the COVID-19 vaccination passport, along with a photo ID, will be mandatory for people 13 years of age or older, as of September 1st, to participate in events and activities, in light of the new measures imposed by the government. Wearing a mask will also remain mandatory at all times inside the buildings where these activities will take place.

To learn more about all activities: www.maisonfelixleclerc.org