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Lumières!: A production by the Théâtre de la Pièce cassée and 24 youths from the Animation Jeunesse Day Camp

Vaudreuil-Dorion, July 18, 2022 – For the second year in a row, the Théâtre de la Pièce cassée has worked with the City of Vaudreuil-Dorion to give children from the Animation Jeunesse Day Camp the opportunity to enjoy a theatrical experience with professionals in the field. A total of 24 youths were plunged into the world of theatre for two weeks during the length of their day camp. On Saturday, July 30th, at 8 p.m., participants will present their show entitled *Lumières!* Before the public at the Agora located at Parc de la Maison-Valois.

Once they had designed the beginning, middle and end of the play involved, the creative team from the Théâtre de la Pièce cassée, composed of five cultural mediators, including director Philippe Gauthier, travelled to the summer camps to produce all the missing scenes of the play with the 24 youths signed up. The participants were introduced to three forms of theatre, including giant puppets, masks and clowns. Improvisation, theatre games and character creation were all touched upon.

Each of the groups later had the opportunity to interpret their scene before an audience at Senior Homes Le Languedoc and Manoir Harwood, where they also took the time to discuss the project with spectators.

"The youths who signed up for Theatre Camp all made the commitment to appear in the play *Lumières!* before the public on July 30th. It is amazing to see how interested they are in this artistic field and how dedicated they are to learning their roles. This project is most definitely rewarding for everyone involved in one way or another. I hope that many will take the time to come and see the magic that was made between the artists of the Théâtre de la Pièce cassée and our young people from Vaudreuil-Dorion," said Chloé Marcil, Head of Culture and Community Life for the City of Vaudreuil-Dorion.

The Play

Lumières! tells the story of two young girls who want to become writers. There is no lack of imagination, but they are struggling with the scenario. As the two girls try to find a possible outcome to their story, their ideas come to life and unfold right before them. Together, they take us into their imagination where a whole circus is taking place! The neighbourhood's ordinary park turns into a circus arena where performers vie for a chance to shine under the spotlight. As they grapple with the challenges of building a "good" story, they demystify for us what the work of an author entails.

The show *Lumières!* is free and open to all.

This project is part of the 2021-2024 cultural development agreement between the City of Vaudreuil-Dorion and the *Ministère de la Culture et des Communications du Québec*.