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## ***Errances: The City of Vaudreuil-Dorion unveils the programming for its first performing arts festival***

**Vaudreuil-Dorion, September 6, 2022** – The City of Vaudreuil-Dorion is pleased to unveil the programming for its very first performing arts festival entitled *Errances*, which will take place on September 16th and 17th in five different locations, including Parc Le 405 and Parc Paul-Gérin-Lajoie, as well as the Water Tower site, Parc Esther Blondin, Parc de l'Île Bray and Maison Félix-Leclerc.

By *performing arts* we refer to any choice of artistic expression involving a presentation rendered by an artist in front of an audience. In total, the five journeys will combine 25 performances lasting from 5 to 20 minutes each, and will feature: dance (acrobatic, Bollywood, Aboriginal), traditional African singing, theatre readings, puppetry, storytelling, music, theatre, poetry, circus arts, etc. All artistic performances included on each journey will last a total of 1 hour 15 minutes.

The festival will be launched on Friday, September 16th at 5 p.m. at Parc Le 405 and will continue from 9 p.m. at the Water Tower in the Dorion sector. On Saturday, visitors will be welcome from 10 a.m. at Parc Esther-Blondin (rue Saint-Michel), followed by Parc Le 405 at 12:30 p.m., Parc de l'Île Bray (rue Bray) at 4:15 p.m., and Maison Félix-Leclerc (186, chemin de l'Anse) at 7 p.m. Lastly, a Closing party will mark the end of the festival starting at 8:30 p.m. at Parc Le 405. At each location, the artistic journey will feature a series of three to five performances designed for an audience of all ages, except the one presented at Parc Esther-Blondin, which is specifically designed for children.

“Errances, as the name suggests, is an event where the spectator travels through the City in order to experience different journeys through astonishing artistic performances. Le 405 will be the home port of the festival and will host activities and performances as well as food and refreshments. People will also be able to shuttle back and forth from there to the other festival sites, or use their own transportation, to experience the five journeys”, says Chloé Marcil, Head of Culture and Community Life for the City of Vaudreuil-Dorion.

Vincent Bastien, Director of Recreation and Culture, goes on: “This is a one-of-a-kind festival brimming with audacity. I sincerely believe spectators are ready for an event of this type and that they will find the concept appealing. We decided to put other places to good use to encourage people to discover the City from different angles, places where activities don't normally take place, like l'Île Bray, Parc Esther-Blondin, and the Water Tower for instance. It is worth noting that all shows will be free. We wish to provide access to as many people as possible to

introduce them to different types of artistic disciplines and in doing so, perhaps new interests will be created and new passions will be born, who knows!!”

The City of Vaudreuil-Dorion has enlisted the services of Thomas Duret as Independent Curator to organize this festival. Last spring, the festival aroused a lot of interest among artists, resulting in 55 project submissions covering various disciplines.

A shuttle service will be provided between the sites for those who are interested. Areas will be set up to allow seating for visitors on the different sites. However, people are invited to bring their own chair to maximize comfort during longer-running performances.

Schedules and details concerning this free event are available on the City’s website ([ville.vaudreuil-dorion.qc.ca](http://ville.vaudreuil-dorion.qc.ca)) and on the Facebook page. In case of uncertain weather, people are invited to call 450 424-8502 to make sure the activity is being held.

This project is being carried out as 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*.