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***Parc Le 405* prepares to launch another outstanding summer program for Vaudreuil-Dorion**

Vaudreuil-Dorion, June 6, 2023 – The City of Vaudreuil-Dorion is excited to unveil the summer programming for *Parc Le 405*, which will take place from July 3rd to August 27th, 2023. The ever-popular venue promises again to deliver lots of memorable moments filled with relaxation, laughter, fun and discovery on its enchanting site bordering the Bay of Vaudreuil.

This summer, *Le 405's* programming will be spread over three days, from Wednesday to Friday. The major themes will be back to liven up the evenings, including improv on Wednesdays, *Mon premier 405* and Just for Laughs on Thursdays, as well as thematic events and open-air cinema on Fridays. The ICI improv league will continue to hold its matches at *Le 405* on Wednesdays. Once again, Thursdays will be dedicated to turning the spotlight on artists in all genres as they take the stage for *Mon premier 405*, along with up-and-coming humorists, in collaboration with Just for Laughs. Four special events with shows and entertainment and two film presentations (July 14th and August 4th) will also take place on Friday evenings. The themes include Rockabilly Night (July 7th), a tribute to Elton John (July 21st), Latin Night (August 11th) and Drag Queen/Karaoke Night (August 25th).

Mon premier 405

Over the summer, residents will have the pleasure of attending seven performances that will take place on Thursdays starting at 7 p.m., during the first part of the Just for Laughs comedy show. This year's call for projects was open to artists from everywhere across the Vaudreuil-Soulanges region.

'The response to the first edition of *Mon premier 405* was so great that by the end of summer 2022, requests to perform at *Le 405* for the 2023 season were already pouring in! In total, we received 32 applications, all of them with high-calibre talent, which did not make the task easy for the selection committee," says Catherine Boyer - Head of the Sports and Recreation Division.

The selection committee has picked the performances for the summer line-up based on their quality, originality and how well they correspond with the interests of the clientele who use the park.

Following is a list of the artists who will be performing on stage at *Le 405* this summer:

- Ayoub Drissi (vocals and folk-pop guitar) and the dance troupe Bubble from *Studio de danse 118* - July 6th
- The March Blues Project (Blues rock) – July 13th
- Old Soul (Rock band) - July 20th
- Josh Adams (vocals and guitar) - July 27th
- Tommy Be (vocals and guitar) - August 3rd
- Paolo Stante (Blues rock trio) - August 10th
- Alex Normand and Sam Thérroux (vocals and guitar duo) - August 24th

Just for Laughs

Starting at 8:15 p.m. on Thursdays, three up-and-coming comedians will take turns at the microphone entertaining the audience. Some of the big names slated to appear this summer include: Charles Pellerin, Pascale Marineau, Alphonse Gagné, Antoni Rémillard, Louis T and Eddy King. Simon Delisle will get the ball rolling on July 6th.

La Grande Table

During the floods last May, the facilities for *La Grande Table* were unfortunately submerged in water and the wrap-around table was damaged. Although it will still be possible to reserve the space itself this summer, picnic tables will be installed while the table is undergoing repairs around mid-July.

Citizens will therefore be able to come enjoy a meal with family or friends in the spot dedicated to *La Grande Table*. Only one 3-hour reservation per address per month will be allowed, and a fee will be charged for cancellations without notice. Reservations will begin June 12th at 9 a.m. for the period between July 3rd and August 27th, and August 14th at 9 a.m. for the period between August 28th and September 24th. The following items are provided with each reservation: BBQ, propane fireplace, transport trolley, Bluetooth speakers, plates and utensils.

Food trucks and bar

The site at *Parc Le 405* will be open from 5:00 p.m., from Wednesday to Friday, with bar service from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Please note that alcohol can be brought to the site as long as it is consumed while eating. Food trucks will also be available on July 7th and 21st, as well as August 11th and 25th.

From July 3rd to August 27th, citizens will be able to borrow outdoor and lawn games at the park upon presentation of the citizen's card. During this period, the welcome kiosk will be open from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. - Sunday to Tuesday, and from 12:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. - Wednesday to Saturday. After August 27th, Equipment rentals will be available on Saturdays and Sundays only, from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., from August 28th to September 24th.

About *Le 405*

The City of Vaudreuil-Dorion brought *Le 405* urban park to life in the summer of 2021 in response to the cancellation, for a second consecutive year, of the *Festival de Cirque* and part of the City's summer programming. The goal was to break down isolation and provide hope to citizens by creating a destination where they could go to relax, have fun and meet with other people while respecting the health measures that were in place at the time. *Le 405* project received the *Votre Coup de coeur* award during the UMQ's 2022 gala (*Union des municipalités du Québec*).