

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOSA: Vaudreuil-Dorion shines a spotlight on words

Vaudreuil-Dorion, May 8, 2024 – The 2024 edition of *MOSA, la fête des mots* will offer a very diverse program to the population of Vaudreuil-Dorion. On May 30th, 31st and June 1st, the beauty of words will be honoured through literature, music and art exhibitions.

On stage at the Opticentre St-Jean-Baptiste

Host Marjorie Vallée will conduct an interview with director, author, screenwriter and activist Anaïs Barbeau-Lavalette during a meet-and-greet evening on May 30th at 7:30 p.m. The author of the best-selling novels *La femme qui fuit*, *Femme Forêt* and *Femme Fleuve* has also produced more than twenty cinematographic works and participated in the implementation of three stage documentaries.

On Friday, May 31st, at 7:30 p.m., actress Dominique Pétin will perform a reading of Michel Jean's novel *Kukum*. This novel, published in 2019, has proven to be one of the greatest literary successes in Quebec in recent years. It tells the story of Almanda Siméon, a Quebec orphan who shares the nomadic life of the Innu people of Pekuakami after falling in love with a young Indigenous man. Along the way, she breaks down some of the barriers imposed on Indigenous women.

The musical show *Petits mots pour grands enfants* by Jérôme Charlebois and Annie Roy will be presented on June 1st at 11 a.m. This festive moment is a celebration of childhood, Quebec culture and the reality of today's youth. Singer-songwriter Jérôme Charlebois will perform songs from his very first children's album released in the fall of 2023. This show, designed especially for children aged 5 to 11, is sure to touch hearts, inspire dance, and bring smiles to all who attend.

The shows presented at the Opticentre are free and open to all, without the need for a reservation.

Exhibitions

Starting May 30th, members of the public will be invited to visit the outdoor exhibition entitled *Effervescence: un bouquet de bulles* at Parc de la Maison-Valois. This exhibition showcases the works produced during a cultural mediation workshop led by poet-collagist Mathieu Dubé with citizens of Vaudreuil-Dorion. To call attention to the words, participants created unique poems from scratch, in the form of collages, inspired by the theme *Effervescence: un bouquet de bulles*.

On June 1st, Maison Félix-Leclerc will unveil the collective alphabet book *Au pied de la lettre*, which brings together a total of 44 authors and visual artists from the Vaudreuil-Soulanges region. The project features the 26 letters of the alphabet crafted by an artist in the form of an initial, each accompanied

by an author's text. This collective event brings together creators from various styles and backgrounds, resulting in a production that is truly surprising!

"This edition of MOSA touches on several spheres related to words and targets different audiences. We are pleased to have been able to bring together so many artists and citizens to take part in our two projects that will be exhibited. I would like to thank them for their involvement, and I invite the public to join us for one or more of the activities presented at MOSA," said Karine Marin, Head of the Arts and Culture Section for the City of Vaudreuil-Dorion.