

## **MONTRÉAL ACKNOWLEDGES THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FESTIVAL INTERNATIONAL DE JAZZ DE MONTRÉAL**

**Montréal June 30, 2009** – The Mayor of Montréal, **Gérald Tremblay**, congratulates the organizers of the 30th edition of the Montréal Jazz Fest, which brings together thousands of jazz enthusiasts every year in the heart of downtown Montréal.

“The Festival International de Jazz de Montréal has contributed to our city’s reputation as a cultural metropolis for the past 30 years. Thanks to the talent and vision of the creative community that sets the stage for cultural events such as the Montréal Jazz Fest, our city has earned the reputation of North American city of festivals. The Place du Quartier des spectacles now belongs to festival-goers and was developed especially for them. This public plaza will become a grand site representing both a symbol and springboard for our city’s cultural creative spirit,” said Mayor Tremblay.

The Festival International de Jazz de Montréal is among the more than 50 festivals that benefit every year from the city’s financial support. Montréal will contribute \$100,000 for the production of the free opening show featuring Stevie Wonder. This will be the first show ever to be held on the Place du Quartier des spectacles, delivered on time by the Mayor of Montréal, as promised.

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