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**THE GOUVERNEMENT DU QUÉBEC AND VILLE DE MONTRÉAL
WELCOME THE 31ST EDITION OF THE
FESTIVAL INTERNATIONALE DE JAZZ DE MONTRÉAL**

Montréal, June 25, 2010 – Helen Fotopulos, member of the Ville de Montréal Executive Committee responsible for culture, heritage and the status of women, and Laurent Lessard, Minister of Municipal Affairs, Regions and Land Occupancy, are pleased to welcome the 31st edition of the *Festival Internationale de Jazz de Montréal*, a prestigious event with major cultural, tourist and economic spin-offs.

“I am delighted that Montréal, cultural metropolis is part of the 31st *Festival Internationale de Jazz de Montréal*, which will be held in the new *Quartier des spectacles*. I congratulate the Spectra group for bringing on stage top names in jazz as well as emerging talents who will be performing the very best in modern or classic jazz. I am sure that Montrealers and the thousands of visitors will be thrilled with the jazz fest’s quality programming,” said Helen Fotopulos.

“I am pleased to support this edition of the *Festival Internationale de Jazz de Montréal*, which attracts visitors from many horizons who wish to be part of this fascinating and diversified music world. This year’s jazz fest will bring together music aficionados at the newly inaugurated *Place des festivals*, as well as promote Montréal’s reputation as the city of festivals,” said Laurent Lessard, Minister of Municipal Affairs, Regions and Land Occupancy.

This year, festival goers will have an opportunity to discover the *Place des festivals*, *Parterre*, the new *Quartier des spectacles* public square, as well as enjoy the first showcases featuring renowned Montréal chefs. These innovative spaces will help to promote and develop the local cultural scene as well as highlight Montréal’s signature as a creative city.

The *Festival Internationale de Jazz de Montréal* is among some fifty festivals to receive annual financial support by the city administration. This year, Montréal is supporting the event by investing \$500,000, an amount included in the *gouvernement du Québec*’s \$140-million budget to implement the *Imagining - Building Montréal* development strategy.

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