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The 4th Montreal All-Nighter, Saturday, March 3, 2007 **A thousand and one activities, in one All-Nighter!**

Montreal, Wednesday, February 7, 2007 – After only three editions, the **Montreal All-Nighter**, presented by **Hydro-Québec** as part of the **MONTREAL HIGH LIGHTS Festival**, is already a big favourite with Montrealers. And it's easy to understand why: **more than 85 cultural, sports, and interactive activities**—most of them free—and all of them spectacular to watch and experience in a single night! While the heartbeat of this nocturnal festival is in **Old Montreal** and on the **Quays of the Old Port**, the party will be going strong all night long in **three of the city's neighbourhoods**, with **three different circuits** through local streets! And when dawn raises its head, the jovial night-owl crowd will be able to meet up, beginning at 4:30 a.m. in Complexe Desjardins, for the famous **the Convivial Breakfast** presented by **Milk**, served free to some 3,000 night-time adventurers! **From Saturday, March 3, to Sunday, March 4, we'll be spending the night together!**

Free shuttle service— now a 3rd circuit in the Plateau-Mont-Royal district

Whether to get around easily to the many activities featured during the Montreal All-Nighter or simply to follow your whims, three circuits have been marked out to accommodate most of the activities. Again this year, a **free shuttle-bus service**, provided in collaboration with the **STM**, will be serving three interconnected lines—one for each neighbourhood visited—and offering a total of 35 stops. **From 8:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.**, the buses will depart every 10 minutes, either northward- or southward-bound from Place Jacques-Cartier and Place des Arts, connecting all activity sites within their respective sectors: the **Quartier Plateau-Mont-Royal**, a brand-new circuit; the **Quartier des spectacles Centre-Ville**; and the **Quartier Vieux-Montréal et Quais du Vieux-Port**. Walkers will even be able to make their way on foot from downtown to Old Montreal at their own pace, thanks to new, autonomous or guided pedestrian circuits.

A night under the stars

The heart of the Festival, the true heartbeat of the Montreal All-Nighter, is **Place Jacques-Cartier in Old Montreal** and the **Quays of the Old Port**: it's here that everyone gathers and has the opportunity to take part in a vast array of outdoor activities, such as the **Milk Ice Slide!** This ultra-special evening will kick off at 7:00 p.m. on the **Scène Hydro-Québec**, with **Charlypop** launching the event to music and sounds, while the special event at the Quays of the Old Port, **Fresco on ice**, hosted by **Nuit Blanche sur Tableau Noir**, will take over the show at 7:30 p.m. Then at 8:00 p.m., things will get even crazier with the **Grand feu de la Nuit blanche** by **Loto-Québec**; and at 10:00 p.m., you'll don white clothing for the **All-Nighter Black Lite Skating Rink** event, for absolutely mind-boggling effect! Also from 8:15 p.m. to 3:00 a.m., the **Loto-Québec Sphere** will be featuring the North American première of *Silent disco!* Thanks to wireless headsets loaned free of charge, you can dance the night away to the best music around without bothering the neighbours! An extraordinary musical and visual experience hosted by DJs **Soundshaper and Nathan Burns** and **VJ Crazy Tapis**. And to put a smile on everyone's face, the **SAQ Bistro** will stay open exceptionally until 3:00 a.m., where the vibes will be hot with **L'Équipe Tam-Tam Amarula!**

Art, all night long!

Whether to take in "micro.sphere" robots by German artist Julius Popp (**OBORO – Local 301**), discover the imposing mechanical architecture—unique in the world—of artist Jean-Paul Mousseau at an exclusive showing of *A Colorful All-Nighter* at **Hydro-Québec's head office**, or spend *One Night in Paradise* at **The Montreal Museum of Fine Arts** amidst painting, poetry and classical music, art lovers simply won't know which way to turn! Not to mention, on the **Place des Arts esplanade**, the chance to lend your shadow to Italian artist Mario Martinelli for his show *Shadow*, or to visit the exhibition *Effets de serre* at **Galerie et Ateliers Graff**, or again to admire the installation of more than 1,000 brushes created by young designers especially for the Montreal All-Nighter, at the **Centre de design de l'UQAM**. (As an added bonus at the *Brush* exhibition, you even get to take a brush home!)

Night Clubs

For those who love dancing, let's just say that the **Métropolis**, Piknic Électronik and MUTEK invite you to *La Nuit Électronik* to put your dancing shoes to the test. **Tickets are available by calling 514 908-9090 or at ticketpro.ca**...In the **Pas perdue corridor of PdA**, you'll be making music with your feet! The interactive installation *Musical Floor* creates rhythmic motifs from the sound of visitors' feet on the floor. Laughing and scatting come together!

Music

The musical offerings will be as impressive as they are unusual. At **Usine C**, for example, audio and mechanical improvisations... by robots (*ROBO_COOP*)! At the **Savoy du Métropolis**, you'll discover the amazing *iPod Battle*, a friendly MP3 musical competition. *The Organ Ogres* serve up a musical feast to satisfy the inner beast in us all at **Saint-James United Church**, and you can dive into an *Environmental nocturne* when multi-instrumentalist DJ Dee and his band get you dancing at the **Canadian Centre for Architecture**, where films, science and biological products also await you! In terms of absolute must-sees, you simply can't miss the SACEF'S Top 100 Quebec Songs at the **Studio-Théâtre of PdA**, or *Saturday Night Blues Live from Montreal on CBC Radio One* and *Espace musique* at the **Spectrum de Montréal**.

Film

If you crave a little warmth, you won't want to miss *La Movida de la Nuit blanche* at **Cinéma du Parc**: short films from Latin America, Spain and Portugal, a veritable fiesta of Latin colours, with *sopa de ajo* and *chocolate con churros* spicing up this unforgettable night. At **Ex-Centris**, you'll see a video-music performance, the best short films from 2006, as well as the last four episodes of the famous series *Minuit, le soir*. The **Cinéma l'Amour** will be presenting the 4th edition of *The Long Night of Shorts*; the **Cinémathèque québécoise** will be showing the Québec-dubbed version of the cult film *Polyester* by cult idol John Waters, and lastly, at **Café Cléopâtre**, *SPASM Night* offers the "best of trash" films from the SPASM Festival, hosted by drag queens!

Nighttime Laughs

At **Club Soda**, enjoy *Laughing the Night Away!* with the rising stars of comedy, while *Laugh along with Juste pour rire... all night long! 2* treats you to a mini-gala, short films and a XXX special, at **Studio Juste pour rire**. For a sleepless night of hair-raising adventures and old legends, you can count on the **Haunted House** and the famous *Alexis Le Conteur*, who will captivate all with his tales of old.

Night Scene

Authors, storytellers, actors, dancers, musicians and acrobats will treat their audience to an overwhelming *Nocturnal Romance* at the **Grande Bibliothèque**, while the **Théâtre du Rideau Vert** will stage an outstanding performance under the direction of a celebrity from the art world, with *Become an Actor for One Evening!* **Théâtre Jean-Duceppe** will feature magical moments of improvisation with *Midnight Improv*. At **Relais Mont-Royal**, stories to make a nun blush with, of course... *Priests' Night Out*, a storytelling show about priests!

A Night at the Museum

Culture continues to be a hit at the Montreal All-Nighter! As proof, take **Pointe-à-Callière (Montréal Museum of Archaeology and History)** with its presentation of *Winter Moon*, a rich mixture of traditional Native tales, and exhibitions and stories of Montreal. Some distance away, you can hear the *Latest News from Pluto* at the **Montreal Planetarium**, which will put Montreal's cold winter nights all in perspective... At the **Musée d'art contemporain de Montréal**, you can travel almost as far by entering the mindsets of the *Ingenious*³—Jean-Pierre Gauthier, Jérôme Fortin and Guy Ben-Ner—who invite you to discover their ingenious ideas, and extraordinary sound and visual installations.

A Little of Everything !

To put your mind at rest, there's always *Winter Magic on the Mountain*, where you can explore the woods of Mount Royal on snowshoe or skate your heart away on **Beaver Lake**. But then again, you might prefer to indulge in *Swimming under the Stars* at the **Hilton Montréal Bonaventure**, with its outdoor pool and magical setting. And why not a tea with the traveling tea-tasters of **Maison de thé Camellia Sinensis (CAMELLIA MASALA)**?

A giant omelette!

For sure no one will want to miss the *Convivial Breakfast* presented by Milk, starting at 4:30 a.m. at the **Grande-Place of Complexe Desjardins**, where some 3,000 die-hard night-owls will greet the dawn as they savour the

spectacular giant Quebec cheese omelette, among other delights. For the record, the giant omelette will take approximately 10,000 eggs and require a one-tonne frying pan nearly 4 metres across!

For pleasure that lasts!

Port Symphonies. For long-lasting pleasure, be sure to take in the *Port Symphonies of Pointe-à-Callière*, where the musical score will draw on the evocative theme of New York City, at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday.

To wind down the Festival, Europea gets saucy! At 2:30 p.m., with their sights set on the Guinness World Records, the Europea team will attempt, at their Espace Boutique shop in Old Montreal, to make the biggest pot of applesauce in the world: one tonne, to be exact! Food lovers are invited to witness this unique event, take away a jar of this delicious applesauce and savour a glass of cider at La Face Cachée de la Pomme, all for free!

And this is just a quick glimpse at the hive of activities that will be lighting up the city throughout the **night of Saturday, March 3 to Sunday, March 4**. For full details on the 4th Montreal All-Nighter or the different segments of the **MONTREAL HIGH LIGHTS Festival** (the outdoor segment of the **Hydro-Québec Celebration of Light**, the gastronomy and wine program of the **Air France Wine and Dine Experience presented by American Express**, the cultural segment the **Sun Life Financial Performing Arts**, as well as the **2nd Montreal Downtown & Underground Event** presented by **Hydro-Québec** in collaboration with **Milk**), pick up one of the free publications available on the Festival site, at numerous stores in Old Montreal, and at most Montreal tourist sites. You can also call the **Info HIGH LIGHTS line** at 514 288-9955 or, toll-free, at 1 888 477-9955, or visit the website at montrealenlumiere.com.

The 8th edition of the MONTREAL HIGH LIGHTS Festival will run from **Thursday, February 22, to Sunday, March 4, 2007**. See you there!

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