

MONTRÉAL, PROUD PARTNER OF THE MONTREAL HIGH LIGHTS FESTIVAL

Montréal, February 19, 2009 – Mrs. Catherine Sévigny, member of the Montréal Executive Committee responsible for culture, is pleased to announce that the city will provide financial support to the Montreal High Lights Festival for the 10th consecutive year. In 2009, Montréal is awarding the festival a \$100,000 grant through its program to support festivals and cultural events. An additional \$50,000 is earmarked specifically for the All-Nighter event through a cultural development agreement between the Québec *ministère de la Culture, des Communications et de la Condition féminine* and the city.

“We are thrilled that Montrealers are looking forward to the Montreal High Lights Festival every year. This unique, unifying event has contributed to our city’s reputation for 10 years now. For that reason, I invite the community to attend the celebrations in large numbers and visit city hall for the All-Nighter event,” said Catherine Sévigny.

Montrealers are invited to swing their partners to traditional Québec music at the festival's All-Nighter celebration, to be held at Montréal city hall on Saturday, February 28, from 7 p.m. to 3 a.m. the following morning. Admission to the All-Nighter is free. Montréal city hall is located at 275, rue Notre-Dame Est, Champ-de-Mars Métro.

For more information on the All-Nighter celebration or the Montreal High Lights Festival, please visit www.montrealenlumiere.com or ville.montreal.qc.ca

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