



The curtain will fall on the Spectrum in the days following the 19th FrancoFolies de Montréal

Montreal, Thursday, July 19, 2007 — The 19th **FrancoFolies de Montréal** will offer spectators their last chance to pass through the doors of the **Spectrum de Montréal**. In fact, as announced earlier, the lease held with the **Société immobilière SIDEV** will end following this cultural event. **Between August 5 and 15, L'Équipe Spectra**, which has operated the Spectrum for 25 years, will remove and store all the furnishings and equipment, including the famous little lights that made the walls look like the Milky Way. The cultural enterprise still hopes that a “new” Spectrum will emerge in the Balmoral block, whose future real estate development forms an integral part of the Quartier des spectacles.

We can no longer count the number of local artists who on one or more occasions, and in some cases, frequently, gave memorable performances at this popular venue. They include, among others, Michel Rivard, Daniel Bélanger, Richard Desjardins, Richard Séguin, Marjo et Corbeau, RBO, The Musical Box, Paul Piché, Plume Latraverse, Éric Lapointe, Jean Leloup, Simple Plan, Zachary Richard, Les Grandes Gueules, Michel Lemieux, Céline Dion, Robert Lepage, La La La Human Steps, Corey Hart, Ariane Moffatt, Groupe Sanguin, Rufus Wainwright, La Bottine Souriante, not to mention those events that actually took up residence at the Spectrum, such as the Show du Refuge, the Ligue Nationale d'Improvisation and *Samedi de rire* with Yvon Deschamp. Among the international stars who have lit up the stage are The Police, Miles Davis, Peter Gabriel, Paolo Conte, The Cure, Marilyn Manson, B.B. King, Astor Piazzola, Brian Setzer, Marianne Faithfull, Ben Harper, Smashing Pumpkins, Metallica, George Thorogood and The Destroyers, James Brown, Joe Strummer, Radiohead, J.J. Cale, REM, Beck, and Pat Metheny. In addition, the biggest Canadian artists of our day, including Holly Cole, k.d. Lang, Daniel Lanois, Diana Krall, Sarah McLachlan, The Tragically Hip, Cowboy Junkies, and Blue Rodeo have left their mark on the Spectrum's history. And the Spectrum legend is also well-known in France, thanks to Indochine, Renaud, Les Rita Mitsouko, Jean-Jacques Goldman, Arthur H., Alain Souchon, Jacques Higelin, Alain Bashung, Noir Désir, Jane Birkin, Étienne Daho and other artists who have treated us to memorable shows. Just how many, how very many landmark songwriters-composers, incredible performers, innovative artists from the local and international scenes have set foot on the Spectrum stage since its first show on October 17, 1982, nearly 25 years ago? A true institution of showbiz in Quebec where countless artists have launched their careers, formerly dubbed the “Cinéma Alouette” before being taken over by L'Équipe Spectra, it has welcomed a parade of the biggest-name singing talents of all kinds, but also well-known comedians and fabulous multidisciplinary creations from here and elsewhere, beginning with the group P.I.L. and Claude Dubois, who were the first to perform under its spots. With its versatility and warm, totally unique atmosphere forever engraved in our memory, the Spectrum is one of those rare Quebec concert halls that we can describe as legendary... right to the final countdown!

The Spectrum's last call

The last artists to walk the Spectrum stage will do so in the context of the 19th **FrancoFolies de Montréal**. So don't miss **Marie-Mai** (July 27), **Marie-Jo Thério** (July 28), **Calogero** (July 29), **Les Charbonniers de l'enfer** (July 31), **Les 10 ans de Taktika** (August 1), **Émilie Simon** (August 2), **Stefie Shock Non-Stop Disco** (August 3) and **Dany Bédar Rock'n'blues** (August 4), in the *Tendance Vidéotron* series, presented at 7 p.m., or the double bills featured in the *Hip Rap Rock Molson Dry* series, respectively starring, at 11 p.m., **Anis** and **Marc Déry** (July 27), **Plastiscines** and **Call Me Poupée** (July 28), **Rocé** and **NulSiDécouvert** (July 29), **Renan Luce** and **Pépé 100% bœuf** (July 31), **Bienvenue à Slam Cité** with **Abd al Malik** (August 1), **Le Maximum Kouette** and **Le Nombre** (August 2), **Valérie Leulliot** and **Urbain Desbois** (August 3), as well as **Florent Marchet** and **Michel Faubert** (August 4).

Everything you need to know about les Francos

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