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# QUÉBEC DANSE EVENT – 4<sup>TH</sup> EDITION CATCH THE FEVER OF DANCE!

Montreal, April 8, 2015 – Every year, scheduled around International Dance Day, the Regroupement québécois de la danse (RQD) and its partners invite dance enthusiasts and their friends to immerse themselves in the world of professional dance. With roughly 100 activities from April 24 to May 3, 2015 in libraries, dance studios, public places and concert halls, the *Québec Danse* event is guaranteed to make hearts beat faster! Montreal is leading the way, accompanied by eleven other Quebec cities, thanks in particular to the commitment of artists the Quebec City region, Chaudière-Appalaches and Eastern Townships and their Conseils de la culture. Forget the shivers and chills of winter and let dance warm you from head to toe! For ten days, get a concentrated dose of what dance can offer over the course of a year: courses, workshops, meetings, performances, shows, films and books! The activities of the 4th edition of *Québec Danse* are listed in the dance agenda at <a href="https://www.quebecdanse.org">www.quebecdanse.org</a>. The most complete dance agenda on-line!

# MIDDAY HEAT

Montreal is at the heart of the celebrations of International Dance Day on April 29. In the afternoon light of 12:30 p.m. at the site of the world's highest leaning structure, get ready for a giant flash mob. Open to all Montrealers, this festive event is a joint venture with Circuit-Est centre chorégraphique, a partner of the RQD in this mad adventure since the first edition of the PRENEZ PLACE flash mob in 2014. At the corner of Pie-IX and Sherbrooke, on the Esplanade Financière Sun Life at Olympic Park, 500 children will perform a choreography by Emmanuel Jouthe and Laurence Fournier Campeau of Danse Carpe Diem/Emmanuel Jouthe, set to music by Champion. Learn the <a href="choreography on-line">choreography on-line</a> with the help of a tutorial or at the <a href="rehearsal">rehearsal</a> on April 21 at Circuit-Est centre chorégraphique.

#### MIDNIGHT HEAT

To celebrate its 30th anniversary, the Regroupement québécois de la danse is inviting dance-lovers to a huge bash! From 8:30 p.m. to the wee hours at **Cabaret La Tulipe**, some **thirty artists** will take the stage in a **Short&Sweet** concept devised by Wants&Needs Danse and its choreographers **Sasha Kleinplatz** and **Andrew Tay**. Beginning at 9:30 p.m., rapid-fire three-minute performances will both surprise and entertain you. You can then hit the dance floor, stoked by the music of guest DJs! **Advance** tickets are on sale for \$10 at three dance sites or at the Cabaret La Tulipe box office for \$12.50.

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!

Some 100 activities will take place during the *Québec Danse* event. They are listed under five categories in the <u>dance agenda</u>. In addition, four thematic series will be presented. Here are a few suggestions to arouse your curiosity!

#### **PERFORMANCES**: Because the stage is magic!

Choose from over **twenty performances** presented in Montreal and elsewhere in Quebec. A chance to see the work of some fifteen companies and schools, including <u>Carré des Lombes</u>, <u>Grand Poney</u>, <u>PPS Danse</u>, <u>Bouge de là</u> and <u>Cas Public</u>! Don't miss the opportunity to visit or revisit <u>Agora de la danse</u>, the Théâtre Maisonneuve of Place des Arts, or to take advantage of the fabulous <u>Accès culture</u> network, which offers a host of activities!

#### **OUTDOORS:** Because it's good to get outside the box!

Feel like encountering dance while out for a stroll? At St-Jean-Port-Joli, the natural elements come into play at the <u>Salutation au fleuve</u> by avec Fleuve|Espace danse; in the heart of the Quartier des spectacles, <u>O Vertigo</u> will liven up Place des Arts; and on the shuttle between Quebec City and Lévis, <u>flamenco</u> will take over an entire ferryboat. And there's much more!

#### **TRAINING:** Because we all dream of becoming better dancers!

Some thirty opportunities to learn a dance style or hone your skills with some of the finest instructors, including Marc Boivin and Jamie Wright for contemporary dance, and Ginette Dion for classical Indian dance. In addition, such prestigious schools as the École supérieure de ballet du Québec, the École de danse contemporaine de Montréal and the École de danse de Québec are opening their doors for a wide range of activities. Other sites, including Studio 303 and Circuit-Est, are also inviting you to take part in various activities with inspirational artists. At the Corps et Âme en mouvement school in Longueuil, African dance, belly dancing and Bollywood will warm things up, while in Quebec City, among other activities, an entire week of ballroom dance courses will be offered by Salsa Attitude.

#### **CULTURAL ACTIVITIES:** Because one can never be too curious!

Throughout the month of April, some 25 public libraries in Montreal will display an array of documents on dance, while several of them will offer introductory dance courses! At the Grande Bibliothèque, you can discover what inspires Louise Lecavalier in her conversation with Matthieu Dugal, as part of the series La bibliothèque de.... At the Bibliothèque de la danse Vincent-Warren, Danse Cadence is inviting the public to a conference on Baroque dance. On a different note, you can see the dancers of Papillon blanc, an organization that lights up the days of the residents of the CHSLD Le Faubourg in Quebec City.

# **OTHER EVENTS:** Because there are never enough!

Demonstrations, competitions, improvisations, public rehearsals, dance parties: some thirty other cultural outings await you! Among the highlights are the 12th edition of <u>Bust a Move 2015</u> at TOHU, one of the largest street dance competitions in the country, as well as a large-scale meeting in the Eastern Townships between dance professionals and the public: <u>ICI Danse 2015</u>, <u>création chorégraphique en Estrie</u>.

#### **THEMATIC SERIES:** Because a kaleidoscope can make you dizzy!

Families can consult the thematic series <u>Activities for Young People</u> to plan their outings. Film-lovers will find what they're looking for in the series of <u>Films and Videos</u>. Those wishing to improve their physical fitness can check out the <u>Free Courses</u>. And for globetrotters, the series of activities celebrating <u>International Dance Day</u> will be right up their alley!

# From April 24 to May 3, catch the fever of dance and share the excitement!

Follow the event on Facebook and Twitter with the hashtag #QD15. And download the <u>Québec Danse</u> <u>Mobile</u> app, available free of charge at App Store and Google Play.

# Regroupement québécois de la danse

The RQD brings together over 500 dance professionals, promoting their interests in the public and political spheres. Founded in 1984 with the aim of giving Quebec dance a unified voice, the RQD has over the years played a leading role in organizing formative projects for the discipline.

The RQD is pleased to schedule this 4th edition of *Québec Danse* during National Dance Week, coordinated by the Assemblée canadienne de la danse/Canadian Dance Assembly (ACD-CDA).

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