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## There's no time like summertime at TOHU!

**Montreal, April 27, 2009** – The École Nationale de Cirque will give a dazzling kickoff to the TOHU summer season, which promises a schedule jam-packed with fun and exciting activities for all ages and all tastes. It's all about getting people together: friends under the starry sky or families under the warm summer sun.

### L'ÉCO-FÊTE

On Saturday, June 27, TOHU celebrates the beginning of summer with its amazing Éco-Fête, a giant garage sale organized by the Société de Développement Environnemental de Rosemont (SODER). Gathering on the Place Publique, visitors can shop for hours and pick up all the latest tips and techniques for recovery, reuse and recycling. Music, face painting, family treasure hunts and pétanque tournaments round out the program. Lots of great "stuff" to buy in a super-friendly atmosphere.

### FAMILY SUNDAYS

Every Sunday between July 26 and August 23 is Family Sunday at TOHU – days filled with fun things to do. Place Publique comes alive starting at 2:00 PM. Music, *pināta*, games, face painting and circus workshops set the tone. Then, at 3:00 PM, the show begins!

### LATIN FRIDAYS

When your toes are tapping and your feet are itching to dance, there's a simple solution: Latin Fridays! Again this year, TOHU will shake its bootie to the driving rhythms of salsa, merengue, cumbia, reggae and ska. Between July 31 and August 28, Place Publique will rock to the sounds of Papo Ross & Orquesta Pambiche, Ines Canepa, Sola y las Lolas, Ecos de Portoalegre, Juan Sebastian Larobina and Estação da Luz. Each concert in the series will be followed by an open-air evening of dance. A splendid time is guaranteed for all!

### LA FÊTE ÉCO-BIO PAYSANNE

Bouyed by its success over the past five years, the Fête Éco-Bio Paysanne is back again at TOHU on August 14, August 15 and August 16. Foodies and folk who care about the environment can wander through an enormous open air market (more than 100 booths) featuring two main sections: the organic market and the section focusing on "green" living. In addition to stocking up on delicious local organic produce and to meeting growers and producers, visitors will find a wealth of information on eco-friendly alternatives and new technologies. Adding spice to the blend, there will be circus workshops, pétanque tournaments, a treasure hunt, roving entertainers, guided tours of the Complexe Environnemental de Saint-Michel – and that's just for starters!

### LA FALLA – MARK 5

The incredibly popular FALLA celebration (August 28 and August 29) draws its inspiration from European carnival traditions and comes to a blazing finale with the burning of a huge paper-and-wood structure, 11 meters (36 feet) tall. This colossus is built over the course of the summer by a team of Saint-Michel youth as well some 350 volunteers. Montrealers gravitate to TOHU for this event, drawn to share the night's embrace and the heart-stopping beauty of a spectacle that knows no boundaries of time or space. On the evening before the great fire, come and dance the night away to the irresistible samba stylings of the Brazilian group Estação de Luz, the last performers in the summer's Latin Fridays series. On Saturday, August 29, the action starts at 5:00 PM, with the burning of the Falla taking place at 9:00 PM, followed by a performance by Habana Café (Cuban music).

### TEMPORARY EXHIBITS

Beginning on May 14, TOHU invites you to help blow out its five birthday candles with the exhibition *D'une idée à une cité: 5 ans d'équilibre (From an idea to a city: 5 years of balance)*, which looks at the exciting history of TOHU's actors and artists. Through its innovative form, its insights and its content, this exhibit recalls all that went into creating TOHU, the core values that drive it, and the customs, actions and pathways that have resulted. Starting on July 14, the public can slip into the fascinating world of Lynda Baril, an unusual artist whose principal material is...the apple. In *Le cœur rouille...se rapprocher (As the heart rusts...get closer)*, she creates a sensory experience that beats in time with our hearts.

### It's ALL GO AT TOHU!

TOHU also features an innovative circus program, with shows that thrill young and old alike. In addition, TOHU offers guided tours of the Complexe Environnemental de Saint-Michel, a bicycle rally for kids, and exhibitions. To learn more about the events and shows available to Montrealers, pick up a TOHU brochure or visit TOHU online at [tohu.ca](http://tohu.ca). Your biggest problem will be choosing from all the great summertime fun!

**Getting to TOHU is easy:** 2345 Jarry East (corner d'Iberville)  
Jarry Metro (194 Bus Jarry East)  
Iberville or Frontenac Metro (94 Bus Iberville North)  
Information and box office: 514-376-TOHU (8648)

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