



## OH! It's summertime!



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Montréal, May 3, 2011 – This summer at La TOHU will be full of surprises! Throughout the season, La TOHU will sway to the rhythm of shows and circus performances, concerts for the young and young-at-heart, family activities, environmental-themed events and exhibitions. The colourful program will take you through surprises, discoveries and new encounters. At La TOHU, summer begins on a green note with the **Fête Éco-Bio**, and then takes a somersault into the **COMPLÈTEMENT CIRQUE** weekend, which brings the Festival into the Public Space. Lastly, the traditional **FALLA** inflames the month of August and celebrates the last days of summer in style. All these activities are free! Long live summertime!

### Focus on the environment

On Saturday, **May 28**, join us at 9 a.m. for a **day of environmental action**. Take part in our big spring cleaning along with young people from the C-Vert program, an environmental and community engagement program offered to youth from Saint-Michel. The forecast is green—expect planting activities, environmental tours and workshops led by Francis Coupal, a recycling artist.

On the **June 3, 4 and 5** weekend, it's time for the **Fête Éco-Bio!** You're sure to find exactly what you're looking for at this festive public market. Bring the whole family to chat with our passionate exhibitors, recycling artists and farmers, who will introduce you to organic and environmentally-friendly products and locally grown foods. You can talk with them, taste their delicious products, and admire their creations. The days will be filled with surprises: circus workshops, make-up, ambient performances and more!

On **the weekend of June 11-12**, starting at 11 a.m., the **Bits of the Sky** event at the St-Michel Environmental Complex brings you the magic of kites! Local and international members of the Cerfs-VolantStylistes kite team will provide kite demonstrations and help you launch your own kite into the skies. Entertainment, workshops and activities will make for a wonderful weekend outdoors!

Also, all summer long (except for June 25 and July 2), enjoy **guided tours**, on foot or by bicycle, of the St-Michel Environmental Complex (reservations required). Every Saturday, the **Petit Bazar** provides a space for eco-friendly vendors to sell their wares to environmentally-minded customers!

### MONTREAL COMPLÈTEMENT CIRQUE

Building on its huge success last year, **MONTREAL COMPLÈTEMENT CIRQUE**, the international circus arts festival, returns from **July 7 to 24** with more surprises in store! Travelling performers from near and far will be taking over Montréal neighbourhoods. Visit [montrealcompletementcirque.com](http://montrealcompletementcirque.com) for the full program of events.

The Festival comes to La TOHU for a colourful **Complètement Cirque weekend** on July 23 and 24 from 2 to 5 p.m.! Face-painting, introductory circus workshops, making musical instruments with recycled materials—these are just a few of the activities designed for family fun! Enjoy an afternoon of entertainment with Productions Kalabanté, which will give a fantastic performance of African dance, singing, percussion and acrobatics. The mounted Service de Police de la Ville de Montréal (SPVM) team will be giving riding demonstrations, and thanks to TAZ, you can learn how to roller-blade and skateboard. Starting at 4 p.m., the Rasposo company opens its joyously chaotic big top for a banquine performance taken from its show *Le Chant du Dindon*, presented at MONTREAL COMPLÈTEMENT CIRQUE.

## FALLA, culmination of months of creative work

For the entire month, FALLA, the great European carnivalesque tradition, will inspire with its creative energy, concerts (starting at 7 p.m.) and family shows (from 2 to 5 p.m.).

Starting Friday, **August 5**, the group **Black Parents** will get you dancing with its unique style dubbed "raggakompa." The next day, Saturday, **August 6**, **Labess** will offer rich, festive melodies that move between Spanish flamenco and Gypsy rumba, and pick up some mixed music from North Africa along the way. On Sunday, **August 7**, the young and young-at-heart will be enchanted by the fascinating musical tale *Le Dragon de la lune*, which takes them on a voyage into the magical world of dragons. On **August 12**, **Rommel Ribeiro** and his musicians will juggle African and Brazilian styles, reggae and funk, all with an urban flavour. On **August 13**, the spotlight will fall on the **Cuban Martinez Show**, led by Yordan Martinez, with jazz, funk and Cuban rhythms. On Sunday, **August 14**, **Alpha Thiam** will take the whole family on a trip with its magnificent songs in the Fula, Mandinka and Sousou languages. On Friday, **August 19**, the **Balkan Beat Party, with Roma Carnivale and DJ Touski**, will crank up the energy with its gypsy sounds, and on Saturday, **August 20** the big celebration will really hit its peak with an afternoon of activities and surprises! Starting at 5 p.m., the **rising art stars of the Saint-Michel neighbourhood** will be showcased, and FALLA attendees will set on fire an immense wooden and paper sculpture they built during the summer. Lastly, **Kobo Town** takes fire to the stage with its joyous, infectious beats to prolong the magic of La FALLA.

### Fascinating exhibitions

Thanks to the exhibition *Parades* (Fonds Jacob-William), we will take a tour of the history of parades starting in the 18th century. Parades are an invitation to performance — whether they're folk parades, military parades, bullfighting parades or circus parades, whether they take place on the streets or in an arena. Curator Pascal Jacob invites you to take part from **May 19 to July 3**.

Starting **June 4**, artist **Francis Coupal** (official selection at the Festival de Montpellier) will create *Populus Plastica*, an ephemeral work in TOHU style: the site's tree-lined alley will be adorned with organic and recycled elements.

From **July 7 to September 5**, visit *Equus: Acteur de cirque*, a selection of works that showcases the horse in all its power and finesse. A beautiful tribute to a superb animal that has performed alongside humans for centuries, this exhibition is made up of works from the collections of Cirque du Soleil and Guy Laliberté, including a Riopelle and several pieces by Picasso, Chagall and Besner (curator: Martin Bundock).

This summer promises to be an unforgettable one thanks to La TOHU and its original activities!

To enjoy the events and shows provided to the community, and to learn about the circus programming for 2011–2012, download the La TOHU brochure at [tohu.ca](http://tohu.ca).

### Directions to La TOHU:

2345 Jarry Street East (corner d'Iberville Street). Jarry métro (bus 193 east) OR d'Iberville or Frontenac métro (bus 94 north).

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