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Matt Holubowski named 2017 FEQ Emerging Artist!

Québec City, July 8, 2017 – The captivating music of singer-songwriter Matt Holubowski resonated with the jury, who picked him over the two other finalists, Geoffroy and Samito, for the 2017 FEQ Emerging Artist Award.

"With the release of his second album, *Solitudes*, Matt Holubowski has become one of the most popular artists on the Québec music scene. This level of buzz is rare in today's fragile music industry, both in terms of sales and recognition. A prolific, curious multi-instrumentalist and singer-songwriter, Matt captures you from the very first notes, following in a continuous flow of songs that quickly become a permanent feature on your "hard drive". This is the impression you take away from *Solitudes*. On stage, Matt Holubowski strikes a perfect balance, personifying his at times ethereal, at times grounded songs with candor and precision. The Festival d'été de Québec is proud to give Matt Holubowski the 2017 FEQ Emerging Artist Award," explained Festival d'été de Québec programmer Arnaud Cordier.

The winner receives a \$10,000 bursary from Sirius XM and the FEQ as well as a custom-made guitar by luthier Pierre-Luc Asselin. This prize, awarded by the Festival and presented by the Government of Québec, should give the artist broader career opportunities.

The two FEQ Emerging Artist runners-up, **Geoffroy** and **Samito**, each receive a \$1,000 bursary.

Tribute Award

It is with pleasure and admiration that the Festival d'été de Québec gives the Miroir Tribute Award to Claude Dubois. This prize recognizes the outstanding career of an artist who has marked both the musical culture of Québec and the history of the Festival.

"Claude Dubois is a monument of Québec song. Now in his ninth appearance at the FEQ, this great singer is as powerful and compelling as ever. It was time to pay him this tribute as we once again catch his vibe," said FEQ chairman of the board, Alain-Jacques Simard.

The FEQ Awards

Today's meeting with the media and industry pros was also the moment to announce the 2017 FEQ Award winners, chosen during a number of music industry events and other festivals. On hand for the occasion were the pop band The Peptides (Ottawa Bluesfest), young Québec artist Lydia Képinski (Les Francouvertes), multi-instrumentalist Samuele (Festival International de la chanson de Granby), the unique trio Lysistrata (Les Inouïs du printemps de Bourges) and well-known accordion player Corey Ledet & his Zydeco Band (Festival International de Louisiane). The party kicked off yesterday on the Hydro-Québec Stage where they shared their music with festival fans who came to applaud the next generation of talented musicians.

Now in its 50th year, the Festival d'été de Québec continues through July 16. Be there!

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