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Surprises for the 52nd Festival d'été de Québec!

Québec City, April 3, 2019 – Hits will echo through the city during this coming edition of the Festival d'été de Québec! The FEQ caught festival-goers and the industry off guard by unveiling a strong and original lineup today, making it one of the most surprising and outstanding programs of the year. The FEQ is bringing out the heavy artillery with big names on the Plains of Abraham's **Bell Stage**, including **Imagine Dragons**, **Twenty One Pilots**, **Slipknot**, **Blink-182** opened by **The Offspring**, double-duty electro with **Diplo** and **Kygo**, British indie rock sensation, **alt-J**, hip-hop artist **Logic**, plus **Lynyrd Skynyrd** on their farewell tour. To this constellation of stars, the FEQ has added a major surprise to the **Bell Stage** lineup, the diva of divas, **Mariah Carey**. And the traditional Carte Blanche will be hosted by none other than **Éric Lapointe**. It looks promising! More names will be announced at a later date.

Loto-Québec Stage in place George-V

At place George-V, the Loto-Québec Stage will be offering an eclectic program. Big names like **A Day to Remember** will delight metal fans and blues legend **Buddy Guy** will captivate the crowd. Also on the program are the must-see band **+LIVE+**, rising rap star **A Boogie Wit Da Hoodie**, and a double indie rock package with **July Talk** and **The Strumbellas** that fans of the genre will love. Be sure not to miss **Coeur de Pirate** and the return to the FEQ stage of one of Québec's greats, **Claude Dubois**. Another highlight at Place George-V will undoubtedly be the July 13th lineup, devoted entirely to Québec hip-hop. The shows start that day at 3 p.m. and culminate in the evening with the very popular **Loud**.

Hydro-Québec Stage in place D'Youville

Festive and sunny, the Hydro-Québec Stage in place D'Youville will showcase world music and discoveries galore. In the spotlight this year, **Salif Keita**, one of the biggest names in African music, Mexican duo **Rodrigo y Gabriela**, **Lakou Mizik**, the irresistible folk of **Bahamas** and a Caribbean night with **Jah9** and **Systema Solar**. Québec artists are also well-represented with

Tire le coyote, **Philippe Brach**, and **The Planet Smashers**, who are celebrating their 25th anniversary this year.

Fibe stage at Cœur du FEQ, place de l'Assemblée-Nationale

The Fibe stage is the spot to make fabulous discoveries, such as duo of the hour, **Flora Cash**, recipient of the Revelation of the Year award at Victoires 2017 **Radio Elvis**, American **Noah Kahan** and, a favorite of the programming team, **Titus Calderbank**.

Indoor shows presented by Groupe Voyages Québec

Four indoor venues will be part of the FEQ's programming this year and admission is free with the pass: **l'Impérial Bell**, **le District Saint-Joseph**, **l'Anti Bar & Spectacles** and **Le D'Auteuil**. Visit feq.ca for details.

L'Impérial Bell

Once again this year, **l'Impérial Bell** will be the place for memorable rendezvous with shows by **Courtney Barnett**, **First Aid Kit** and **Mercury Rev**, all visiting Québec City for the first time. Also note appearances by **April Wine**, pianist **Jean-Michel Blais**, **Safia Nolin**, **Voivod** and **Luc De Larochellière**, who will play his whole *Amère America* album.

New: FEQ headquarters in the Manège militaire!

Before and after the shows, festival-goers will meet up at a new venue this year, the **Manège militaire des Voltigeurs de Québec** (pass required). Every evening, the FEQ team will welcome festival-goers to the **official terrace** outside the Manège militaire, facing the Plains of Abraham. Open from 5 p.m. to 1 a.m., accessible via the bridge between the Manège and the Plains, this terrace will be THE place to have a drink or snack between shows and glimpse the Festival team and its guests.

Every night, the Manège militaire will host festival-goers in its **indoor hall** for the **After-FEQ**, featuring late shows where night owls can keep the party going till 2 a.m. The program promises to be hot! Lastly, a series of **Q&A** will be held in the Manège foyer. Building on last year's success, this series presents public interviews with the summer's acts. A unique chance for festival-goers to find out more about their favorite artists. Details about **After-FEQ** programming and **Q&A** will be announced at a later date.

Theme evening: prom night

To celebrate **Mariah Carey's** visit to the FEQ, on **July 11**, festival-goers will be invited to invade the Plains dressed in their finest clothing for a "prom night"- themed evening, which will continue into the wee hours at the **After-FEQ** in the Manège! Festival-goers will be encouraged to follow the diva's lead, inspired by her glamorous outfits, and head to the festival dressed to the nines. This is sure to be the most beautiful and extravagant crowd that Planet Festival has ever seen! Details to follow.

"Our team is working hard, with all the passion they're known for, to create an unforgettable event. By the end of this 11-day musical marathon, the people of Québec will be prouder than ever of their festival!" declared Alain-Jacques Simard, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Festival d'été de Québec.

Admission

The FEQ pass goes on sale at noon Thursday, April 4 for \$105 and starting June 4 for \$115, tax included, shipping costs not included. Limit of 4 passes/cards per transaction. Passes can be purchased at **feq.ca**

FestiBUS

To fully experience the FEQ, two types of bus passes are offered by the Réseau de transport de la Capitale and can be purchased at any RTC points of sale as of May 1st 2019: the Unlimited FestiBUS pass for \$31,50, and the FestiBUS pass - 10 bus rides for \$22,50 starting at 10 a.m. every morning. These passes are valid throughout the Festival. Get all the details at rtcquebec.ca

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