

L'ÉTHÉÂTRE

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*Un nouveau Rendez-vous d'été multi-disciplinaire: cinéma, théâtre, musique, arts visuels et arts du cirque
6 weeks of a unique multi-disciplinary experience*

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The first season opens for L'ÉTHÉÂTRE, Vancouver's new summer cultural event.

Vancouver, June 15, 2010.- Visions Ouest Productions announces the launch of a new summer cultural event that will celebrate media arts, visual arts and stage performance. From 5 July to 15 August 2010, Visions Ouest Productions will present a series of shows, get-togethers, workshops, festive evenings and collaborative projects with some forty artists and artisans representing various disciplines including circus, film, theatre, poetry, music and visual arts.

From the 5th to the 9th of July 2010, the **TRANSPORTEURS DE RÊVES/DREAM CIRCUS** Youth Circus will offer a very special experience to youth aged between 8 and 18 years, with their circus arts workshops. They will provide training and advanced technique workshops on juggling, stilts, balancing, silks and acrobatics. With **Benoit Ranger** and **Catherine Joly**.

TRIO BORIS will revive the great songs of Boris Vian and Jacques Prévert in their concert *Cocktail Vian* and *Cuvée Prévert*. Creator, director and performer **Pascal Desgranges** will be accompanied on piano by **Jacques Rochon**, a Vian-Prévert specialist who fell in love with this repertoire when he was in his early twenties, and by **Agnès Falquet**, an actress who began with the circus and as a street singer with a hurdy-gurdy. Her delight in the music of Vian and Prévert is contagious. Saturday 10 July at 8 p.m.

The **DUO ALCAZ** hails from Marseille, two voices and two guitars, a guy and a girl who perform blues and ballads with energy and emotion. **Jean-Yves Liévaux** and **Vyvian Cayol** have a special place in their hearts for Quebec and their show is a real outpouring of love with a southern French accent! An additional show will be given for the youth audience as part of their national tour. This show was awarded the FONDATION NICOLAS HULOT prize and is presented with the support of the Consulate General of France in Vancouver. Wednesday, 14 July.

LE DIVAN DU MONDE Written and directed by **Dominic Desjardins**, this film features talented multi-instrumentalist **Antoine Gratton** and the Acadian actress **Mélanie LeBlanc** in a romantic road movie that won the Prix TV5 for the best Canadian francophone work. The screening will be followed by a performance by **Antoine Gratton** and singer **Geneviève Toupin**, the artist selected for Mai de la Chanson. In addition, director **Dominic Desjardins** will offer an intensive three-day workshop for directors and actors entitled DE LA PLUME À L'ÉCRAN (From Pen to Screen). **Geneviève Perron**, director of photography, will join him for the workshop. Saturday 17 July. Screening at 7:30 p.m., live performance at 9:00 p.m.

LES CHARBONNIERS DE L'ENFER *l'Orchestre des chanteurs*. Five beautiful voices and a penchant for *a cappella*, accompanied by the foot tapping (podorhythmia) of the five performers,

Michel Bordeleau, Jean-Claude Mirandette, Michel Faubert, Normand Miron and André Marchand. The show is presented in collaboration with the Maillardville Festival du Bois and the Mission Folk Fest. Wednesday 21 July at 8 p.m..

CLAUD MICHAUD SINGS FÉLIX LECLERC. **Claud Michaud** takes us back to the very origins of the repertoire of *Félix*, with whom he shares a virile classic bass voice that drives the lyrics forward with passionate energy. An unforgettable evening of warm and tender emotions. Friday 23 July at 8 p.m.

EVE COURNOYER. Her idols are Clémence Desrochers, Pauline Julien, Françoise Hardy... She does it all: she sings, plays the instruments, composes the melodies and arrangements. Musically, she mixes genres and the result is a very unusual trendy style, eclectic and seductive. **Eve Cournoyer** spikes her dreamy songs with a rock flavour. "I am more of a *chansonniere*, a song writer, than a singer. I bring my own songs into the world. I almost never sing other people's songs – although once I did an adaptation on stage of *Bird on the Wire*, by Leonard Cohen." ... Accompanied by **Rémi Leclerc, Simon Dolan and Guillaume Bourque.** Thursday 29 July at 8 p.m.

ANDRÉ DUCHESNE & CO. He is a guitarist and self-taught composer, known for his contribution to liberating musical expression from constraints. Always surrounded by film and music lovers, he really made his musical statement as part of several groups: Conventum, Les 4 Guitaristes de l'Apocalypso Bar and Locomotive. In Vancouver, he will be accompanied by accomplices **Stéphanie Simard, Rémi Leclerc, Patrick Hamilton and Bernard Falaise.** Friday 30 July at 8 p.m.

In August, **COLLABORATIONS** will usher in a series of projects directed by actor **Mackenzie Gray** with accomplices **Paul Plimley** as musical director and musicians **Tommy Babin, Victoria Gibson and Phil Emerson.**

In August as well, **Bruno Laplante** from the Nouveau Théâtre Musical will give a Masters Class on performance of the work of **André Mathieu.** He will also present, August 5, the film **L'ENFANT PRODIGE** by **Luc Dionne.**

L'ENSEMBLE ABSINTHE, composed of **Anne Duranceau, Edgar Bridwell and Martina Smazal,** will transport us to the land of the tango with **Linda Lee Thomas,** and **Coat Cooke** will offer a workshop on musical improvisation to young musicians in the context of the **ORCHESTRA FUTURA** project.

So it is a celebration of summer and above all, the pleasure of getting together, highlighting a cultural season, indulging in a traditional North African **Méchoui** barbeque and an **ÉTHÉATROPICAL** dance. There will also be an exhibition **PLEIN ART** of works by fifteen visual artists, and a public reading of the play **INCONCEVABLE,** written by **Jordan Beswick** and directed by **Valérie Lecomte.** And we must not forget to mention the Thursday screenings of films in the **BEAUX JEUDIS DU CINÉMA.**

All the events will take place at the Auditorium of the Jules Verne School, located at 5445 Baillie Street in Vancouver, at the corner of 37th Avenue, between Oak and Cambie, near the Van Dusen Botanical Gardens.

For more information on the programme and to reserve or purchase tickets, visit www.rendez-vousvancouver.com

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