



Press Release
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TOHU has a summer season full of fresh, fun activities!

Montréal, May 26, 2016 – TOHU is proud to unveil its diverse summer program full of fun new activities, indoor and outdoor. Music concerts, circus shows, DJ nights, a brewing event, bee workshops, kites, miniature horses, guided tours, an open-air cinema, and more. TOHU will entice the entire city to the north-east!

FAMILY EVENTS

Grain de ciel – June 11 and 12 starting at 10 a.m. – FREE

Recognized as Montréal's largest kite festival, this family event offers a variety of activities in TOHU's public space: kite-making workshops; circus initiation plus aerial circus workshops given by teachers from the National Circus School; Cube percussion show by Zogma; Buzz workshops (\$); rock climbing (\$); and make-up sessions (\$). Enjoy roving performances by *Les Vivaces* and a hair undressing salon that's sure to be a crowd pleaser!

Grain de ciel is an international event that brings together kite-flyers from the US, France and Canada. These artists will hold acrobatic and monochord kite-flying demonstrations in TOHU's public space, as well as the windy plains of the Saint-Michel Environmental Complex (SMEC). The best views are from the SMEC's multipurpose path, located at the corner of Émile-Journault.

WEEK-END COMPLÈTMENT CIRQUE – July 16 and 17, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. – FREE

TOHU transforms itself into a circus fair for the whole family for one colourful weekend! The fun fair will be set up in our public space and feature big tops, shows, workshops, and roving artists! An exciting program includes a rally where the kids can all be circus artists, as well as *Pelat*—an interactive show that involves a man, his wooden mat... and you!

Fête foraine – July 13 to 17 (\$)

For the second year in a row, *Amusements spectaculaires* will bring thrilling rides and skill-testing games for the whole family to TOHU!

MUSICAL AND OTHER EVENTS

Nord-East, June 15 + the last Wednesday of every month, from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. – FREE – NEW

The famous *Sud-West* nights by Poirier and Ghostbeard are being transformed into *Nord-East* celebrations at TOHU. Visit the Bahut terrace—surrounded by lush gardens—for the place to enjoy an evening of Beer-Garden fun, including lively music, food, beer, and more. The official launch will be held June 15, followed by the last Wednesday of every month: June 29, July 27 and August 31.

Festival Mizik Kreyol – by Lions Entertainment – July 22 to 24 (\$)

Strut your stuff to the rhythm of Haitian and Caribbean music with the return of *Mizik Kreyol* from Lions Entertainment. Creole rhythms courtesy of today's best artists are at the heart of this festive event. Shows throughout the day, tastings, entertainment, and activities for the whole family.

FALLA – August 11 to 13 – FREE

Presented by Keurig Canada

Three days of outdoor celebrations, world-music concerts, entertainment, and activities for the whole family—ending with a giant fire show: the lighting of the FALLA, an immense sculpture made of wood and paper erected by artists, citizens and young people from the neighbourhood. Pierre Kwenders, Fwonte Nomadic Massive are part of the first wave of artists announced to play at the 12th edition of the festival.

Unveiled at the 2015 FALLA, the theme of One Thousand and One Nights inspired the structure that will be built by the *falleros*—the young people from the Saint-Michel neighbourhood who take part in TOHU's socio-professional integration program. They will be accompanied by a team of professional artists as well as mentor Philippe Fehmiu. The FALLA's full program will be unveiled on July 19. *The FALLA is made possible through the support of the Government of Canada and the City of Montréal.*

IBU L'immersion Brassicole Unique – by Association des Microbrasseries du Québec – August 26 to 28 (\$) – NEW

A unique way to discover beers from here and around the world await you in TOHU's public space during this new tasting event, which brings together the most Quebec micro-breweries ever in the same place! DJs, games, delicious discoveries, and a festive atmosphere await!

CIRCUS SHOWS

Performances by the National Circus School – May 31 to June 12 (\$)

Graduates from the National Circus School will dazzle you with two incredible shows that showcase their creativity and talent: *Demain*, directed by Marie-Josée Gauthier and *Colibri*, directed by Edgar Zendejas. Discover tomorrow's great artists today!

Transit, by Flip FabriQue – July 7 to 16, part of MONTRÉAL COMPLÈTEMENT CIRQUE (\$)

Presented by Radio-Canada

Opening the 7th edition of the Festival—and presented for the first time ever—is *Transit*, which tells the story of life in the circus. After touring Brazil, Berlin, New York, and Paris, the dynamic Québec troupe is back to charm Montréalers!

Pour le meilleur et pour le pire, by Cirque Aïtal – July 7 to 17, part of MONTRÉAL COMPLÈTEMENT CIRQUE (\$)

Presented by La Presse +

Two lovers on the road invite us to take a peek into their lives as acrobats. Under a cozy big top, discover a road movie done circus style—and follow adventures filled with humour, poetry and rock 'n' roll.

The complete program of the Festival is available on the website montrealcompletementcirque.com.

ACTIVITIES AND EXHIBITIONS

Inspirés par le cirque, les artistes à l'œuvre exhibition – Until July 24 – FREE

The circus and its performers as seen by great artists from Toulouse Lautrec to Riopelle. These drawings, engravings and paintings from the Jacob-William collection reveal the essence of their magic.

Les étoiles au cinoche – Thursdays from July 21 to August 18, 8:15 p.m. – FREE

In collaboration with *Cinéma Beaubien*, TOHU presents 5 movie nights under the stars (in French)! Come early and put together your own snack at Bahut terrace. Before and after presentations on July 21 and August 18, members of *Cosmodôme* will be on hand to host a discussion as well as an observation of the stars above the city.

July 21– Gravité (indoors)

July 28 – La Guerre des tuques

August 4 – Le Petit Prince

August 11– Les Nouvelles Aventures d'Aladin

August 18 – The Walk : Rêver plus haut

On August 25, the documentary *Les Vaillants* will be screened indoors by *Les Film du 3 Mars* and *Vivre Saint-Michel en santé*. A meet-and-greet with director Pascal Sanchez will follow.

Summer Saturdays at TOHU!

Guided tours – FREE – NEW

Every Saturday, four guided tours will be offered free to the general public, who are invited to learn more about the circus world, TOHU's unique Gold LEED Canada certified building as well as the SMEC. Visits last 30 minutes and start at 1 p.m., 2 p.m., 3 p.m., and 4 p.m. in Espace Cascades. *La Fondation TD des amis de l'environnement est fière partenaire de ces visites. TD Friends of the Environment Foundation is a proud partner of the guided tours.*

BUZZ Workshops – June 4 to August 20 - \$8 per child – NEW

New this summer, BUZZ workshops for kids aged 5 and up will be held Saturday mornings. TOHU will introduce curious kids to the fascinating world of bees in an urban setting. For 90 minutes, parents and children will explore the path of these pollinating insects, discover their hives and head back to work on a special souvenir they can bring home. Five original themes will be held at various times:

- **Cuistot-Buzz:** Make your own honey candy/How do bees use products from their hive?
- **Bougie-Buzz:** Craft a birthday candle out of beeswax/How long do bees live?
- **Bécot-Buzz:** Learn to make lip balm from beeswax/ What do bees do in winter?
- **Abri-Buzz:** Build an insect shelter/ How can I encourage biodiversity at home?
- **Brico-Buzz:** Make a hive hat/Why does a bee look... like a bee? (3 years and up)

My Miniature Montréal Horse – July 9 and 30 / August 6 and 20 (\$)

Kids 3 to 8 get to meet miniature horses at TOHU with the help of *Des-Mots-O-Galop* animators. Four interactive workshops will teach kids how to handle and care for their new companion: *Parles-tu cheval, Alimentation et soin, Équipement, and Morphologie.*

The magnificent BAHUT terrace is open Tuesday to Sunday from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. or 11 p.m. on show and event nights. The menu includes plates for just \$7 at any time, with \$5 specials during Happy Hour.

To get to TOHU: 2345 Jarry Street East (corner of Iberville)
Jarry Métro (bus 193 east)/ Iberville or Frontenac Métro (bus 94 north)

Information: Tel.: 514-376-TOHU (8648) or 1-888-376-TOHU (8648)

Full program available at: tohu.ca

Free activities at TOHU are presented with a contribution from the City of Montreal.

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