

## Montréal, Cultural Metropolis, Gets into Jazz Mode

The Government of Canada Supports 39<sup>th</sup> Festival International de Jazz de Montréal

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Today, the Honourable Mélanie Joly, Minister of Canadian Heritage, along with the Honourable Navdeep Bains, Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development and Minister responsible for Canada Economic Development for Quebec Regions (CED), announced that the Government of Canada is supporting the 39<sup>th</sup> Festival International de Jazz de Montréal from June 28 to July 7.

Canadian Heritage is granting \$1 million in funding to the festival through the Canada Arts Presentation Fund. This support will give visitors prime access to an eclectic lineup of shows by world-renowned artists, many of them free.

CED has taken the occasion to note its support for the Festival's 2017 and 2018 editions. The \$1,374,750 in funding, in the form of a non-repayable contribution under the Quebec Economic Development Program, will serve to market and promote the Festival abroad, attract tourists and boost the local economy.

### Quotes

"The Festival International de Jazz de Montréal, known throughout the world and featuring a host of genres, is an exceptional platform for local musicians and helps promote a diverse array of music. We are proud to support this event, which showcases Montréal's culture while helping the local economy."

—The Honourable Mélanie Joly, Minister of Canadian Heritage

"Canada's tourism industry employs some 1.7 million people who accommodate, feed, guide, and help visitors discover our country and our culture. We are proud to support major cultural events like Festival International de Jazz de Montréal, which heighten the region's vitality while promoting it abroad. I wish all Montrealers and visitors a wonderful festival experience!"

—The Honourable Navdeep Bains, Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development and Minister responsible for Canada Economic Development for Quebec Regions

### Quick Facts

Founded in 1980, Festival International de Jazz de Montréal will take place this year from June 28 to July 7. It expects to draw two million visitors to its 39<sup>th</sup> edition, a 10-day event with 20 stages and more than 500 concerts, three quarters of them free.

This year's Festival has two major outdoor free events: Toronto's Jessie Reyes, Juno Award-winner for Breakthrough Artist of the Year (July 3); and American quartet The War On Drugs, Grammy winner for Best

Rock Album (July 7). Headliners will also include George Thorogood and The Destroyers, Ludovico Einaudi, Ani DiFranco, Seal, Charlotte Gainsbourg and many others.

CED is one of six regional development agencies under authority of the Honourable Navdeep Bains, Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development. This year marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of regional economic development in Quebec: a half-century of commitment and action to help regions and local businesses prosper and thrive.

## Related Links

Festival International de Jazz de Montréal	<a href="http://www.montrealjazzfest.com">http://www.montrealjazzfest.com</a>
Canada Arts Presentation Fund	<a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/services/funding/arts-presentation-fund.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/services/funding/arts-presentation-fund.html</a>
Quebec Economic Development Program	<a href="http://www.dec-ced.gc.ca/eng/agency/programs/qedp/index.html">http://www.dec-ced.gc.ca/eng/agency/programs/qedp/index.html</a>

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