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Réseau Mozaïk receives acclaim at the 2023 *Ovation municipale* awards

Vaudreuil-Dorion, May 8, 2023 – The Réseau Mozaïk project and its cultural caravan caught the jury's attention in the 2023 Ovation municipale competition, winning the award in the *Milieu de vie, culture et vivre ensemble* category during the annual conference of l'Union des municipalités du Québec held on May 4th and 5th at the Hilton Lac-Leamy in Gatineau.

In total, the jury had selected 21 projects among the 143 submitted by the Municipalities. The projects were assessed according to the innovative nature of the approach and the results, the potential for transfer or adaptability, the benefits for the community and the level of optimization and mobilization of resources and the community.

"More than 10 years ago, Vaudreuil-Dorion chose to make culture a priority. Throughout the years, the many amazing projects that were implemented have helped the City stand out in this segment. Being a finalist in the Ovation municipale competition means having the chance to share our achievements with our peers. It is with great pride that our team accepts the honour of winning in the *Milieu de vie, culture et vivre ensemble* category. Congratulations to the winners and finalists in all categories," said Mayor Guy Pilon.

"I am very proud of this award. This is a major recognition for all the energy invested in this project by the City's teams and partners. As I often say, we do not work to receive awards, but to be awarded this distinction among more than 1,100 cities in Quebec gives us good reason to be proud. This award highlights first and foremost the dynamism, professionalism and especially the willingness to innovate displayed by the teams of the various departments of the City of Vaudreuil-Dorion, who work very hard to continually offer exceptional service to citizens and make them feel proud and privileged to live in Vaudreuil-Dorion," added Vincent Bastien, Director of Recreation and Culture.

Several partners have contributed to the success of the project, including some who have been there since its infancy, including Éric Léger and his team from Les Manifestes, the creators of the visual identity for Réseau Mozaïk and the website; Patrick Richard, content producer for the newspaper, podcasts and videos; and Chantal Bédard, from CSUR La télé, who also participates in the video section. Many other collaborators were also involved, including of course all the organizations that feed the network's content with their rich cultural programming.

Réseau Mozaïk was launched in the fall of 2019 and is the gathering place for all cultural initiatives in Vaudreuil-Dorion, including those of the City and its organizations. Its purpose is to bring together all of these activities onto one single platform (jesuismozaik.com), in addition to offering a citizen newspaper, videos and podcasts with a cultural theme. The network content is also distributed via interac-

tive kiosks positioned in various locations throughout the territory, including the municipal library, the Centre Multisports André-Chagnon, Maison Félix-Leclerc, City Hall, Maison Valois and Édifice de la Croisée. In June 2022, the Réseau Mozaïk network was joined by La Caravane Mozaïk, a cultural vehicle that goes out to meet citizens and offer them different types of activities, including exhibitions, library services, a digital laboratory, creative workshops, etc. Very soon, an art circuit will also be added to the programming which will allow people to discover all the works of art on the territory through three circuits. More details will be announced in the coming months.