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The City of Vaudreuil-Dorion launches its new creative space: *l'Oasis créative*

Vaudreuil-Dorion, September 21, 2023 – To mark *Les Journées de la culture* this year, the City of Vaudreuil-Dorion is inviting the public to come and discover a brand-new creative space dedicated to the practice of artistic disciplines: *l'Oasis créative*. The official launch will take place on Saturday, September 30th at 1 p.m. in the La Croisée building (1255-1257 rue Émile-Bouchard). Artist Marjorie Taillefer will host painting workshops for visitors at 2 p.m.

l'Oasis créative is a place for creating and sharing artistic craftsmanship with citizens of all ages who wish to spend a little time completing an art project. An artist from the area is available to assist willing participants with their creation.

This fall, from September 25th to December 15th, the co-creation space will be available three days a week, according to the following schedule:

- Mondays, between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. with Marjorie Taillefer
- Tuesdays, between 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. with Monica Brinkman
- Fridays, between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. with Céline Poirier

A variety of equipment is on hand for participants to use free of charge, including dry pastels, watercolours, acrylic paint, felt pens, pencils, matte medium, chalk, varnish, canvas boards, etc. Themes such as abstract art, nature, words, and monochromatic designs will be explored by the artists in the creation of their personal works and may serve as inspiration for guests who visit *l'Oasis créative* throughout the fall season.

"*l'Oasis créative*, much like the Lab at the library, is a self-serve creative space where an artist is on hand to help and assist visitors with the artistic process or simply talk about a shared interest. Participants can select the medium they want to use for the creation of their project, work on it for a while, and come back at a later time to complete it to their liking. The goal is to provide citizens of Vaudreuil-Dorion with an inspiring space to co-create," explains Mélissa Gagné, Coordinator with the City of Vaudreuil-Dorion's Culture Department.

"When the time came to choose the venue for *l'Oasis créative*, we decided there could be no better place than La Croisée. This intergenerational community centre located in the most heavily populated area of Vaudreuil-Dorion, close to elementary schools and seniors' homes, is undoubtedly the ideal

location. Families, teenagers and seniors... everyone is welcome to come!" adds Vincent Bastien, Director of Recreation and Culture.

This project is made possible thanks to the 2021-2024 Cultural Development Agreement between the City of Vaudreuil-Dorion and the *Ministère de la Culture et des Communications du Québec*.

A weekend all about culture

Along with the launch of *L'Oasis créative*, the City of Vaudreuil-Dorion will also be featuring two other free opportunities to take in some culture during the weekend of *Les Journées de la Culture*. On Friday, September 29th, at 7:30 p.m., the public is invited to Maison Félix-Leclerc (186 chemin de l'Anse) for an intimate performance by actor-singer Jean Petitclerc that promises to be both nostalgic and festive. Drawing on the repertoire of the greatest French and Québécois singers, the artist will present lyrics and music that have set the framework for his vision of the world.

On Sunday, October 1st, youths aged 4 to 8 are invited to the Centre multisports André-Chagnon for *Le Carnaval des animaux*, a show from the series *Coup de théâtre*. Inspired by the imaginative work of composer Camille Saint-Saëns, *Le Carnaval des animaux* leads children on a fabulous musical journey guided by two clown-like characters.

The cultural programming offered both by the City of Vaudreuil-Dorion and local organizations is available for consultation online at jesuismozaik.com.