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### Discover Haitian culture in Montréal!

**Montréal, September 13, 2010** – Culture pour tous will celebrate Haiti during the Journées de la culture with **Viv Ayiti**, a unique exploration of Haitian arts.

Over 50 Haitian artists will come together in nine cultural locations and institutions across Montréal: the National Theatre School (NTC), the LABoratoire Créatif (LAB), La Tohu, Circuit-Est, the Marché solidaire Frontenac, the Grande Bibliothèque (BANQ), the CineRobotheque, Montréal, arts interculturels (MAI) and the Lion d'Or.

#### **From traditional to contemporary... for everyone!**

**On Saturday, September 25th**, start your day by taking part in an Haitian dance workshop with the **Ekspresyon** troupe at Circuit-Est (Jean-Pierre Perreault building) and delve further into Haitian culture with a fun introductory Creole lesson at the Grande Bibliothèque with **Kaptenn Koukourouj** and **Rassul Labuchin**. At lunch, stop in MAI for a cup of fair-trade coffee from the nOula cooperative and watch **André Vanasse's** documentary on coffee growing. Then spend the afternoon sketching your dream outfit with LAB designers **Émeraude Michel** and **Jesod Fenelus** or creating a sculpture from recycled objects at La Tohu with **Marie-Denise Douyon**. End your day at **Diasporap** with rapper **Emrical** and his guests **Dramatik**, **Jean Gardy** and **Karma Atchykah**.

Between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m., free TD shuttles will take participants to and from the activity sites. The buses will run every 15 minutes, stopping at eight thematic locations. An information booth will be set up at Mont-Royal métro station.

**On Sunday, September 26th** at 8 p.m., **Viv Ayiti** will end with *Hàiti debout*, a vibrant homage to literary great **Frankétienne**, with some 15 writers, singers and musicians. **Rodney St-Éloi** will direct the words, music and song. Organized by the Festival international de littérature (FIL), the show will be held at the Lion d'Or.

#### **Fantastic partners**

**Viv Ayiti** has received financial support from fantastic partners. We would therefore like to thank the Foundation of Greater Montréal, the Centre for International Studies and Cooperation (CECI) and the Haitian Consulate General in Montréal.

The entire program is available online at [www.journeesdelaculture.qc.ca/vivayiti](http://www.journeesdelaculture.qc.ca/vivayiti).

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