

LOTO-QUEBEC PRESENTS

HAITI ON FIRE!
AN EVENING OF SHOWS AND MOVIES UNDER THE STARS

Théâtre de Verdure (Lafontaine Park)
Friday, July 11, 2008 – 6 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. – Free admission

Montreal, June 23, 2008- The Fabienne Colas Foundation (FCF) is pleased to announce the 2nd edition of **Haiti on Fire**, an evening of shows and movies under the stars, presented by Loto-Québec at *Théâtre de Verdure* in Montreal on July 11, 2008, starting at 6 p.m. Part of the Montreal International Haitian Film Festival or MIHFF, **Haiti on Fire** is organized by the Fabienne Colas Foundation, an organization dedicated to supporting and promoting Haitian cinema, art and culture both here and abroad.

A 2ND EDITION RICH IN THE COLOURS AND FLAVOURS OF HAITI!

Haiti on Fire will showcase Haiti in all its diversity, its splendour and its cultural richness with an “all-in-one” program designed especially for this unique event: outdoor cinema, folk dancing, music, Haitian cuisine, but above all, camaraderie, new discoveries, new friends and entertainment in the heart of Montreal!

Free Creole food tasting + caterer

From 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.: we will be hosting a free outdoor tasting of various Haitian dishes for the first time in Montreal. This is a unique sensory experience and a great opportunity to get to know Haitian cuisine. In addition, **from 6 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.**, Restaurant Kalalu will also be offering Haitian dishes at very affordable prices so that guests can continue this unique gastronomic experience throughout the entire evening.

Music by Vocal Group Desandann

6 p.m.: this Haitian group from Cuba will have everyone up and dancing to the beat of the drums! Formed in 1994 by five men and five women, this group has gained national and international recognition. The group has played various festivals, including the Sun Festival in Ontario, Canada, the Burlington Jazz Festival in the U.S. and *Rio Loco* in Toulouse, France. In 2002, they participated on the album Cuban Odyssey by Canadian Saxophonist and Flutist Jane Bunnett, which won Best World Music Album at the 2003 Urban Music Awards and was nominated for Best Latin Jazz Album at the 2004 Grammy Awards.

Folklore show: *La Légende d'Anita*

7:30 p.m.: *La Légende d'Anita*, an original voodooesque folklore show, stars Sara Rénélik (in the role of Anita) and features close to 20 artists on stage, showcasing dance, music and theatre against a narrative backdrop. *La Légende* is a passionate story, a story rich in the colours and rhythms of Haiti, with traditional costumes, soul-stirring drumbeats, contemporary voodoo choreographies, traditional songs, etc. Author and director: Fabienne Colas; Choreographer and Artistic Coordinator: Sara Rénélik; Narrator: Jean-Claude Martineau (Koralin).

Movies under the stars: *La Rebelle*

9 p.m.: Screening of the film *La Rebelle*, Best Feature Fiction Film at the Montreal International Haitian Film Festival. This drama by Sacha Parisot, who also directed the much-acclaimed *Skin Deep (A Fleur de Peau)*, tells the story of a rebellious teenager whose single father decides to start a new life... Starring Réginald Lubin, popular Haitian actor, Nathalie Ambroise and Nadine Stephenson.

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Detailed information available at:

www.haitienfolie.com