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## THE EURÊKA! FESTIVAL MAKES A SPLASH

Close to 40,000 visitors reconnected with  
the great science festival  
on its 15th anniversary

**MONTREAL, June 14 2022** - L'île du savoir is delighted to have reconnected with festival-goers for the 15th edition of the Eurêka! Festival, held in Parc Jean-Drapeau, at the foot of the Biosphère, on June 10, 11 and 12. Close to 40,000 science enthusiasts, young and old,

joined the festivities on this new site, to the delight of L'île du savoir and its new implementation partner, Espace pour la vie. Visitors enjoyed more than seventy-five free interactive activities, inspiring in-person encounters with scientists, and original demonstrations on the theme of WATER in All Its States.

Exploring the protection of water and ecosystems, the behaviour of marine mammals, aquatic technologies, maritime transport, green energy, finds from the depths of the St. Lawrence River... Once again, the Eurêka! Festival satisfied science lovers' thirst for innovation and discovery, providing them with lots of fun while they pondered issues related to this precious resource.

"How good it feels to get out – out of our fishbowls! – and gather in such large numbers at a brand new site to drink in this torrent of activities and absorb this scientific and technological knowledge."

**Yves Mauffette**, President of L'île du savoir

"The Biodôme, the Biosphère, the Insectarium, the Botanical Garden and the Rio Tinto Alcan Planetarium form a complex where nature and science take pride of place. Making science widely accessible is a key value of these five Espace pour la vie museums, and the Eurêka! Festival makes science interesting and fun, to the delight of all."

**Julie Jodoin**, Interim Director of Espace pour la vie

"The vision of the Biosphère, embracing the environment, science, art and citizen museology, is in total harmony with Eurêka! It made sense for us to host this festival as the opener to our brand new summer program."

**Isabelle Saint-Germain**, Director of the Biosphère

### Highlights

- More than 39,000 visitors including more than 4,000 students on field trips
- Over 40 collaborators
- 27 lectures and interactive shows presented by researchers and science communicators
- Nearly 700 spectators at an evening performance of Télé-Québec's *Génial!*
- 5 thematic zones: Water, Nature, Technology, Human, and Ingenuity
- More than 13 000 visitors to the Biosphère

The organizers would like to thank all the volunteers who made an essential contribution to the success of this 15th edition, as well as all the festival-goers who joined in the celebration.

L'île du savoir produced this edition with a new implementation partner that shares its educational mission, **Espace pour la vie**. We also want to thank the host site, the Société du parc Jean-Drapeau, as well as all our partners and sponsors without whom the festival could not have happened: the **Ordre des ingénieurs du Québec**, Ingenuity Zone partner; **Ubisoft**, Technology Zone partner through its Ubisoft Education program; **Desjardins**, Nature Zone partner; the **Port of Montreal, Canada Steamship Lines** and **Fednav**, Water Zone partners; the **Fonds de recherche du Québec**, Human Zone partner; **Hydro-Québec**, sponsor of the Main Stage; and **Télé-Québec**, the Festival's media partner of many years. We also wish to thank **RECYC-QUÉBEC**, our accomplice in making this edition more ecologically responsible.

Eurêka! is presented in partnership with the **City of Montreal**, the **Ministry of Economy and Innovation**, the **Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing** and the **Ministry of Tourism of Québec**. Thanks to their support, L'île du savoir can keep the Festival free and ensure the continuity and quality of this important Montreal science event, a unique showcase for our institutions, businesses and scientific culture organizations.

Eurêka! also thanks its many associate sponsors: **Tourisme Montréal, Concertation Montréal, acceSciences, École de technologie supérieure, Institut national de la recherche scientifique, Polytechnique Montréal, Bishop's University, Université de Montréal, Université du Québec à Montréal, Université de Sherbrooke, Ivado**, the **Union des producteurs agricoles**, and **Unis TV**. The project also received funding from the **Trottier Family Foundation**, the **Fondation J.A. DeSève**, and the **Ernest Solvay Fund** managed by the King Baudouin Foundation of Belgium.

Building on this year's success, Eurêka! invites you back to celebrate its 16th edition in June 2023.

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## ABOUT

### L'ÎLE DU SAVOIR

L'île du Savoir is a non-profit organization whose mission is to promote the emergence of a scientific culture and a dynamic new generation in science and technology, by bringing together partners from educational and research institutions, scientific culture organizations, and the business community.

### EURÊKA! FESTIVAL

Eurêka! is the biggest science festival in Quebec, each year attracting science enthusiasts and the simply curious, both young and old. On the program: three days of fun and scientific discoveries and a host of FREE interactive activities. Since this great adventure began in 2007, more than a million enthusiastic visitors, including 50,000 students, have joined the celebration!

### ESPACE POUR LA VIE

Space for Life comprises the Biodôme, the Biosphère, the Insectarium, the Botanical Garden and the Rio Tinto Alcan Planetarium. These five prestigious City of Montreal institutions form the largest natural science museum complex in Canada. Together, they have initiated a bold, creative, urban movement, reimagining the link between humans and nature and cultivating a new way of life.

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