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**MUSIC GROUPS 54-40 AND BEDOUIN SOUNDCLASH PLAY FREE SHOWS**

**AT THE TIM HORTONS OTTAWA DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL**

**OTTAWA, April 27, 2010** – The Tim Hortons Ottawa Dragon Boat Festival (THODBF), the largest dragon boat festival in North America, announced today that music groups 54-40 and Bedouin Soundclash will join a host of other performers as a part of the festival's free entertainment series. This year's festival takes place at Mooney's Bay, June 18 - 20, 2010.

The THODBF, a community dragon boat and arts festival, has been a highly anticipated event each summer since its inception 17 years ago. Over 5000 paddlers and 70 000 spectators enjoy the racing, children's area, vendors, and free concert series. This year, thanks to an increase in grant funding, more entertainment and a new stage in the beer garden will be added.

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"We are thrilled to bring our community an increased variety of quality performers this summer, said John Brooman, Executive Director with the THODBF. "Receiving grant support from the Canadian Heritage Building Community Through Arts and Heritage, along with a grant from Celebrate Ontario, means that we are able to grow and diversify the entertainment this year. We feel great about offering some fantastic music and multicultural performers at no cost to spectators, in addition to the excellent racing we have been known for all these years".

Other performers at his year's event include festival favorites JW Jones, as well as the band MonkeyJunk. Newfoundland's Shanneyganock will kick things off on Friday night with a free performance for paddlers and the general public. There will also be a selection of multicultural acts and roving performers ranging from music to drumming and dancing. The children's area, with its own dedicated stage, plays host to a wide assortment of music, science and magic. All entertainment is family-friendly and free.

### **About the Tim Hortons Ottawa Dragon Boat Festival**

The Tim Hortons Ottawa Dragon Boat Festival is the largest dragon boat festival in North America. It features both competitive and recreational racing, musical entertainment, and a variety of vendors and family oriented activities. The Tim Hortons Ottawa Dragon Boat Festival began in 1993 with assistance from the Hong Kong Canada Business Association and had 25 participating teams over a half-day event. Since then it has grown to a 3-day sell-out with 190 teams and 5000 paddlers, 73 000 spectators, a host of entertainers, exhibitors/vendors and a comprehensive silent auction tent. For information visit [www.dragonboat.net](http://www.dragonboat.net)

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