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THE TIM HORTONS OTTAWA DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL OFFERS FREE FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT ALL WEEKEND LONG

OTTAWA, June 10, 2010 – The Tim Hortons Ottawa Dragon Boat Festival (THODBF), the largest dragon boat festival in North America, announced its line-up of multicultural entertainers, musicians and children’s programming today. Popular music groups like 54-40 and Bedouin Soundclash will join dancers, roving entertainers, and children’s programming as a part of the festival’s free entertainment series. This year’s festival includes the addition of the ‘Liquid Lounge’ stage and increased activities for kids. The THODBF takes place at Mooney’s Bay, June 18 - 20, 2010.

While the focus of the festival remains the outstanding competitive and recreational dragon boat racing, entertainment is offered to the public at no cost and is an integral part of the weekend’s festivities. On the Royal Oak Main Stage, Shanneyganock will kick off the festival on Friday, June 18, at 7:30 pm as part of an East Coast Party event. When the races are underway on June 19 and 20, the main stage will include drumming and dancing acts as well as music from Bedouin Soundclash and 54-40. The beer garden’s new Liquid Lounge stage will showcase festival favorites JW Jones, the Mighty Popo, and Monkey Junk; and the Tim Horton’s children’s stage will welcome Magician Chris Pilsworth, Little Ray’s Reptiles and Radical Science. For full details on all scheduled entertainment, as well as a listing of vendors and exhibitors on site, please visit the THODBF website at www.dragonboat.net.

“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”.

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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, cultural and musical entertainment, a variety of vendors/exhibitors, and family oriented activities. The festival began in 1993 with assistance from the Hong Kong Canada Business Association and has grown to a 3-day sell-out with 190 teams and 5000 paddlers, and over 65 000 spectators. Each year the Dragon Boat Foundation supports local Ottawa charities. Recipient charities for 2010 include Sens Foundation / Project S.T.E.P., CHEO Foundation, Bruyère Foundation, ArtsSmarts, Ottawa Humane Society, University of Ottawa Institute of Mental Health Research, and Debra Dynes Family House. For information visit www.dragonboat.net.

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