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**THE STAGE IS SET FOR FREE CONCERTS AT THE  
20<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL TIM HORTONS OTTAWA DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL**

**OTTAWA, MARCH 18, 2013** – Ottawa's beautiful Mooney's Bay Park will come alive with the sounds of beating drums, splashing water, jubilant paddlers, enthralled attendees and music from the Sam Roberts Band who will headline the 20<sup>th</sup> annual Tim Hortons Ottawa Dragon Boat Festival June 20<sup>th</sup> -23<sup>rd</sup>. Joining Sam Roberts Band will be the unbridled energetic live show of The Balconies.

Also performing at the festival will be melodic folk rock band the Great Lake Swimmers, the roots rock of Autumns Cannon, the pure unadulterated rock and roll of Sam Cash and the Romantic Dogs and hip-hop artist The Joynt.

Keeping the dragon boat crowd entertained on Sunday June 23, will be the vivid songwriting and catchy art pop Kalle Matson. Also appearing on Sunday will be the jazzy blues country mix of Devin Cuddy.

"The celebrations surrounding the 20<sup>th</sup> annual edition of our festival are going to be really spectacular and this years free concert line-up is a reflection of that." says festival CEO, John Brooman. "We look forward to seeing everyone at the festival this summer and will be announcing a few more surprizes in the coming weeks"

For a full list of free entertainment, visit [www.dragonboat.net](http://www.dragonboat.net).

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

The Tim Hortons Ottawa Dragon Boat Festival is a not-for-profit event founded in 1993. The organization held it's first inaugural festival in 1994 as a small half-day event that is now a multi-day celebration of the arts, sports, culture and heritage. The festival is North America's largest dragon boating event with over 200 teams in corporate, community and competitive categories. The festival offers free admission to multiple stages with world class entertainment, amusement attractions, extreme sports demonstrations, a variety of artisans, exhibitors, delicious culinary treats, beach side bar, children's area and non-stop racing. The Tim Hortons Ottawa Dragon Boat Festival is made possible by the continued support of Canadian Heritage's Building Communities Through Arts and Heritage, Celebrate Ontario and the City of Ottawa Partnership Program.

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