ELAN (English-Language Arts Network) presents

ARTS ALIVE! QUÉBEC next regions' events:
Knowlton—Friday, August 3 - Sunday, August 5
Québec City—Friday, August 3 - Saturday, August 4

Arts and culture flourishes in Knowlton and Québec City; workshops/performances go hand in hand

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Offering music, theatre, visual art, dance, workshops for all ages and family fun

Montreal, July 2018 • Spreading creativity throughout the province this summer, **Arts Alive! Québec's** (AAQ) next stop is early August in both **Knowlton** (August 3-5) and **Québec City** (August 3-4). A number of award-winning as well as up and coming musical artists are participating in both regions' weekend festivals.

For ELAN Executive Director **Guy Rodgers** it's difficult to choose between the bucolic pleasures of Knowlton in the Townships and the historic treasures of the Morrin Centre in the heart of Old Québec City. "Whichever destination visitors choose, they can be sure of a charming Arts Alive! Québec experience. I especially like the way workshops and performances dovetail this year in Knowlton, and follow a swing music theme in Québec City," he said.

Some of Knowlton's workshops have been paired with live performances. Theatre Lac-Brome is running the satirical comedy *The Mystery of Irma Vep* where two actors play multiple characters and have many quick costume changes, so organizers are offering a portrait photography workshop. The show *Libertango* inspired a Latin dance workshop. Both workshops will be held just in advance of the performances, offering participants a heightened theatre experience. Families can take in *Just Enough*, a puppet/clown show, and then attend a puppet-making workshop. Amos Joannides, who recently performed on *La Voix* and is a member of the local community theatre, is leading a song writing workshop and then performing with other artists in the Songwriters Circle concert that evening.

For Knowlton **Arts Alive! Québec** spokesperson **Danny McAuley**, it's all about people getting in touch with their creative side and trying new things. "Arts Alive is good for the soul. Put away the iPhone, turn off Netflix; take in a concert and join a workshop. This is the perfect opportunity for parents and children to do something together," he said. He adds, "Townshippers are always excited to introduce new people to the community and these events give us a platform to do just that. This year our partner Theatre Lac-Brome is a creative hub for many terrific activities."

Québec City's Morrin Centre invites people to 'tune in and swing out' with their outstanding musical line-up. The Centre's Executive Director, **Barry McCullough**, acknowledges how meaningful the event is to the community because it offers local artists an opportunity to reach new audiences, especially during the outdoor street fair. "Our prime location in the heart of Old Québec attracts a great number of passersby. The combination of locals, both English-speaking and French-speaking, along with visitors, makes the crowd diverse and dynamic. More and more, Arts Alive! Québec is becoming a can't-miss event; the setting is steeped in history and is inspiring."

The Old Québec City walls will be reverberating with top-notch music all weekend. Between them, these jazz and swing bands have won prestigious awards, released multiple albums, played renowned international festivals, collaborated with household names, and entertained countless enthusiastic audiences.

Knowlton and Québec City programming below.

Tickets for Knowlton events can be purchased at Brome Lake Books—45, chemin Lakeside, J0E 1V0
Venues: Théâtre Lac-Brome, 9 Mont Echo; Old Court House, 15 St. Paul; United Church, 234 ch, Knowlton; Star Café, 61 Lakeside. Tickets for shows at Theatre Lac-Brome available at the theatre.

Friday, August 3
Workshops
4-5:30pm: Photography with Yves Pinsonneault (in Théâtre Lac-Brome), $10
Exhibit of artists' works in the theatre all weekend (photographer Susan Pepler, Stanley Lake, as well as workshop participants)

Performances and events
5:30-7:30pm: Festival opening reception at Theatre Lac-Brome featuring the musical stylings of pianist John Barr, sponsored by townshippers.qc.ca, Free
8:00pm *The Mystery of Irma Vep*, comedy produced by Théâtre Lac-Brome, $30

Saturday, August 4
Workshops
12:30-2pm: Puppet workshop with Maggie Winston (Old Court House), $10 (for one adult/child)
4:30-6pm Latin Dance workshop with Caroline Demers from Tango Rico in Sherbrooke (theatre) $10

Performances and events
11am-12pm: *Just Enough*–puppet and clown show (Old Court House), pass the hat
11:30am-12pm: Teddy Bears' Picnic and reading by Stanley Lake & Almut Ellinghaus (Old Court House),
1-4pm: Live music at the Star Café, Free
8pm: *Libertango* with soprano Nathalie Choquette, pianist Dominic Boulianne, and cellist Dominic Painchaud (theatre) $35

Sunday, August 5
Workshops
11am-12:30pm: Drumming with Frédéric Gauld, including communal drums for 6-8 people (theatre), $10
1-2:30pm: Flower Arranging with Debbie Hornig (United Church), $10
2:30-4pm: Song Writing with Amos Joannides (theatre), $10
3-4:30pm: Still Life painting with lauded painter Susan Pepler (United Church), $10

Performance
7-9pm Songwriters Circle concert with Amos Joannides, Kate Morrison, Kyra Shaughnessy, and Rick Murrin (theatre), $20

For enquiries about Knowlton events: Brome Lake Books, 450 242-2242

Québec City events take place inside and around the beautiful Morrin Centre—44 Chaussée des Écossais, G1R 4H3. Jazz concert, free musical workshops, street fair with local artisans and musicians

Friday, August 3
Jazz Concert— **7pm:** Daniel Arthur Trio; **8:30pm:** Sienna Dahlen, (indoors) $20

Saturday, August 4—all events are free!
10:30am: Musical workshop for kids (indoors)
1pm: Songwriting workshop with rising Pop/RnB singer-songwriter NJ Taylor, beginners/adults (indoors)

STREET FAIR
11am: Teddy Bears' Picnic
Noon-5pm: Local artisans
Noon: Swing Dance beginners' workshop
1pm: Misses Satchmo Quartet—20s-30s Swing
2pm: Roxanne Burns and the Gentlemen—jazz standards and originals
3pm: Tea for 20's—celebrating jazz roots from the 20s
4pm: Mardi-Gras Band—New Orleans jazz from the 20s and 30s

For enquiries about Québec City events: Morrin Centre, 418-694-9147, info@morrin.org

For general enquiries about **Arts Alive! Québec**: arts.alive@Québec-elan.org

About Arts Alive! Québec
ARTS ALIVE! QUÉBEC is a moveable feast of music, theatre, dance, visual arts, film and so much more. Initiated by ELAN (English-language Arts Network) in 2015, six dynamic regions—Hudson, Huntingdon, Knowlton, Québec City, Wakefield and West Island/Montreal—produce six individual festivals to showcase Québec's diverse cultural communities and innovative artists with activities and performances for the entire family! Visit the ELAN's **AAQ** page and stay connected for the rest of the summer.
Upcoming regional events— West Island/Montreal Aug. 15, Sept. 29 (and others tbc), Wakefield Sept. 7-8;

About ELAN
ELAN (English-Language Arts Network) is a not-for-profit organization that connects, supports, and promotes Québec's English-speaking artists and arts communities. Its members include artists and organizations representing a multitude of artistic disciplines and regions of Québec. ELAN's philosophy is inclusive, encouraging an evolving Québec identity that recognizes French as the public language and celebrates social, cultural, and artistic diversity. To find out more about ELAN's various programs, visit **www.Québec-elan.org**.

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