Montréal, July 16, 2018 — The Week-ends du monde at parc Jean-Drapeau, presented by Loto-Québec, once again enjoyed great popularity among Montrealers. For its 14th edition, this free event that gathers various communities to celebrate the city’s cultural diversity attracted 119,830 visitors; an 14% increase compare to the previous year.

With 12 festivals, the Week-ends du monde have allowed festivals-goers to discover cultures from around the world including Jamaica, Tunisia, Mexico, Salvador, Peru, Venezuela and Colombia.

HIGHLIGHTS

- In collaboration with the City of Montreal, the Week-ends du monde celebrated the world’s biggest sporting event by telecasting the World Cup of Soccer final on a giant screen. More than 10,000 fans came for the occasion.

- The popular Carnaval d’été brésilien de Montréal and Festival Afro-Monde Ngondo once again drew crowds. Visitors were dazzled by the many international artists who came together to pay tribute to the African continent, as well as by the Brazilian parade where samba dancers in the flamboyant costumes, musicians and capoeira athletes awed the crowd to the rhythm, of percussion.

- Two new colourful festivals were added to this year’s program and made their successful debuts at the Week-ends du monde: île Maurice en fête and the Festival culturel du dragon de Jade.
The culinary component of the Week-ends du monde has also been a joy for festival-goers. The Place des Saveurs TV5, as well as each of the festivals’ food stations, allowed visitors to discover new flavors and taste local and international dishes, including Indian, African, Chilean, Spanish and more!

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The mandate of the Société du parc Jean-Drapeau is to manage, administrate, develop, protect and animate Parc Jean-Drapeau. Since the Parc is located just a few minutes from downtown Montréal, the best way to get there this summer is by using public transportation.

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