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***CELEBRATE ONTARIO SUCCESS FOR THE OTTAWA CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL***

Ottawa (June 15, 2020) - The Ottawa Children's Festival de la jeunesse, the only professional performing arts festival for young people in eastern Ontario, is thrilled to be a Celebrate Ontario grant recipient. The Festival is deeply indebted to the Honourable Lisa MacLeod, Minister of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries, for her continued support. The Ministry's investment in arts and culture is vital for the festival industry, one of the many sectors severely impacted by the global pandemic. This investment allows us to explore creative options for engaging with our audiences and supporting our artists until such time as we can offer the magic of the live theatre experience once more.

Since 1985, the Ottawa Children's Festival (OCF) has hosted an annual celebration of the best in live performing arts for children. The Festival focuses on enriching school curriculum and promoting the arts as an integral part of children's education; strives to present work that excites and challenges audiences of all ages; and prides itself on developing and producing award winning programming that comes from across Canada and around the world. The Festival annually attracts 20,000+ young people, their teachers, and families.

It is an award-winning performing arts festival, noted for its intergenerational appeal and featuring artists from across Canada and around the world – artists who have dedicated their professional practice to theatre, music, and dance designed especially for young people. The Festival's five-day event, currently held on the grounds of LeBreton Flats and indoors at the Canadian War Museum, is the oldest festival of its kind in Ontario; a place where children and their families go to unplug and engage with the world on a creative, imaginative level. We are anxious to once again be able to offer that unique experience to our community's young people.

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