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Hit The Floor Lévis 2019
A Brand New Dance Festival for the 10th Anniversary!

Lévis, May 20, 2019 - The 9th edition of the Hit The Floor world-class dance event will end tonight at the Lévis Convention and Exhibition Centre. Unsurprisingly, the event was once again an incredible success over six days, with the participation of more than 25,000 arts and culture enthusiasts. Over \$30,000 was awarded in prizes and scholarships among the dancers who participated in the 1,236 routines. The 9th edition was memorable with the announcement of the development and production of a new dance festival in 2020, which will become, according to the will of the organization, one of the most inspiring in the world.

New Additions for the 10th Anniversary

In addition to special activities to celebrate the 10th anniversary next year, a new event will be added to the 2020 tour. Nicolas Bégin, director and founder of Hit The Floor, let the crowd breathless during the All-Stars Showcase with the announcement of a dance festival that will be held in early July 2020 in Montreal, which will present, among other things, the grand finale of the Hit The Floor Tour. The programming of the event will be announced in the upcoming months.

The All-Stars Showcase: Creativity at its Peak

More than 1,500 people were dazzled by the All-Stars Showcase on Sunday night. The *Hit The Floor Laboratory* thematic has raised the creativity level of the evening. This creative laboratory has led artists to explore new movements, more and more ingenious, in their choreography. Team White, MARVL, C4, Yoherlandy and Rahmane, Stroming and others offered breathtaking new performances, all ending with the electrifying performance of the American troupe The Lab.

And the Champions Are...

It's also during the All-Stars Showcase that the best dancers of the competition selected by the judges among thousands of participants competed for the highest honours. **Seem So Far** from Studio Shake of Blainville was awarded the title of Grand Champion, in addition to the generous \$10,000 scholarship offered by the City of Lévis. **Conversion** and **Fifth Empire**, both crews from Studio District 5 of Trois-Rivières, earned respectively the second and third places, thanks to their mind-blowing performances.

A representative of the *Broadway Dance Center* also came straight from New York City to award a prestigious \$5,000 scholarship to **Kyana Lygitsakos** that will allow her to participate in the *International Student Visa Program (ISVP)*. Finally, the *Révolution* TV show wanted to highlight the talent, the interpretation and the technique of a local crew who stood out on stage by offering a brand new \$2,000 scholarship to **D-21** from Studio District 21 of Saint-Constant.

Hit of the Year

It is with great emotion that **Luca "Lazylegz" Patuelli** has earned the honourable 2019 Hit of the Year Award, which highlights the effort, talent and achievements of a Canadian artist who stood out during the past year in the dance industry. Speaker at the *Breaking Boundaries European Connection Project* and co-choreographer and dancer for Lara Fabien's "Par amour" video, Patuelli is continually involved with her international *ILL-Abilities* crew to encourage people with disabilities to push boundaries.

Let's mention that there will be one last award ceremony at the end of the day. On this occasion, Mr. François Paradis, President of the National Assembly, and Mr. Marc Picard, Vice-President of the National Assembly, will each offer a scholarship to a solo dancer who stood out with a very impressive score in the competition.

About Hit The Floor

Created in 2010 by the dancer and entrepreneur Nicolas Bégin, which we had seen him perform through the popular American TV shows *So You Think You Can Dance Canada* and *America's Best Dance Crew*, Hit The Floor has flourished over the years and is now considered as a world-class dance event. In addition to the All-Stars Showcase, a unique dance show featuring world-renowned artists, Hit The Floor presents one of the world's largest multi-style dance competitions and brings together more than 45,000 participants annually! The Hit The Floor Tour travels to three Canadian cities for 14 days and offers unique activities! The mission of the event; contribute to the development of the dance community worldwide.

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