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***L'International des Feux Loto-Québec presented by
TELUS is seeking twenty-five judges***

**Five gold award winners and five continents to
celebrate 25 years of fireworks at La Ronde!**

Montréal, Thursday, March 19, 2009 – With less than three months to go before its first firework, *L'International des Feux Loto-Québec presented by TELUS* at La Ronde is launching a public search for 25 firework fans to judge the participants in the 25th anniversary of the event. The world's most prestigious pyrotechnic arts competition also took the opportunity to release the names of the firms from five continents who will have the honour of lighting up the Montréal sky from June 13 to August 15, 2009.

The Panzera S.A.S. firm will break from its tradition of presenting the closing La Ronde show, to present the grand opening show instead. Tickets at the reduced price of \$25 are still available to witness the thrills and surprises of this special event close up. Concept Fiatlux has been chosen to create the magnificent 50-minute pyromusical closing show, in homage to the Cirque du Soleil and its music. This non-competing show, which will blaze forth in the Montréal sky and the memory of hundreds of thousands of spectators, will be created with the support of chief sponsor Loto-Québec and the collaboration of the Cirque du Soleil, which is also celebrating its 25th anniversary this year.

The firms in competition this year are the following: representing Spain, Pirotecnia Igual S.A. (1988 and 2001 Gold Jupiter); England, United Kingdom, Pains Fireworks (2007 Gold Jupiter); Australia, Foti International Fireworks (2001 Silver Jupiter); Hong Kong, China, Pyromagic Productions Ltd. (2003 Bronze Jupiter), Argentina, Fuegos Artificiales Jupiter (2005 Gold Jupiter); Québec, Canada, Royal Pyrotechnie (2003 Gold Jupiter); the United States, Melrose Pyrotechnics (2006 Gold Jupiter); and finally, for South Africa, Fireworks for Africa (at its second participation in Montréal after prize-winning shows in Québec City and Gatineau).

This year, the Jupiters will be presented at a special gala on Saturday, August 22, 2009. This soirée will be open to the public and feature pyrotechnic displays.

Becoming a judge

People interested in becoming judges should submit their application by May 13 on the website of *L'International des Feux Loto-Québec presented by TELUS* (www.internationaldesfeuxlotoquebec.com). The Gold, Silver, and Bronze Jupiters, the world's top honours in pyrotechnics, will be yours to award!

No experience is required to be a judge. Candidates must answer an on-line questionnaire, be available for all of the fireworks shows, and submit a text explaining why they would make good judges. Only on-line submissions are accepted. Candidates accepted in the first round will be contacted by e-mail to inform them that they have reached the second step of the selection process.

Technical details and ticket sales

Reserved seat tickets can be purchased on the Internet at www.admission.com and www.internationaldesfeuxlotoquebec.com. Information pertaining to programming can also be found on these sites. Tickets can also be purchased by calling (514) 790-1245 or toll free 1 800 361-4595. Corporate and group rates are also available. Please contact La Ronde group sales at (514) 397-7777 or send an email request to ventes@laronde.com. Please note that all fireworks begin at 22h00.

Partners

L'International des Feux Loto-Québec presented by TELUS would like to express its sincere appreciation to its valued sponsors and partners for their immeasurable support in the producing and publicizing of the event: title sponsor Loto-Québec; presenter sponsor TELUS; associate sponsors Ministère du Tourisme and the SAQ; official broadcaster 105.7 Rythme FM; and partners TVA, *Le Journal de Montréal*, the Marriott Château Champlain, Belle Gueule, and Agropur Division Fromages Fins.

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