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FOTOFEST – October 22nd, 23rd and 24th 2009

DMCI and its partners are proud to present an **all new and exciting photography festival: FOTOFEST!**

FOTOFEST is an annual arts festival showcasing professional and amateur photography and provides educational opportunities for photographers of all skill levels. Beginning with our official media and sponsorship kick-off event today, we will continue building momentum as we prepare for the event inauguration October 22nd, 23rd and 24th 2009. FOTOFEST will start as an Atlantic Canadian event with the goal of becoming a fully international event in 2014.

Photography has never been more popular then it is today. DMCI is proud to collaborate with many partners and sponsors in order to bring you a Festival like no other. We are proud to count on the expertise of our own internationally renowned photographer Maurice Henri, Yvon Melanson of Ivan's Camera and Robert Gallant of Raven's Sun Management are also part of our team.

FOTOFEST will offer gallery showcasing throughout our downtown. Reid's Newsstand, City Hall, The Moncton Public Library, Ivan's Camera, Sandstone Gallerie, Fortis Properties, The Laundromat Bar and Aberdeen Cultural Center have all agreed to lend their spaces. Other activities include: contesting for professional and amateur photographers, educational workshops, field trips with industry professionals and celebrity guests, professional portfolio reviews and an industry tradeshow.

Temporary galleries will feature the works of photographers Denis Duquette, Joel Culligan, Marc Blanchard, Ron Ward, Michiko Nishijima and members of Photo Fredericton.

Fred Horton from Nova Scotia, John Sylvester from Prince Edward Island, Ron Ward from New Brunswick and Sib Pye from Prince Edward Island will all be present for conferences and workshops.

We, at DMCI, strongly believe in the success of this upcoming event and are convinced it will become a signature festival. FOTOFEST is sure to bring thousands of people to our area. Whether they are amateurs or professionals, FOTOFEST will cater to their every need.

We invite you to join the FOTOFEST group on Facebook. This way, you won't miss a beat about the festival. Celebrate with us the art and the joy of photography!

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