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2009 JUNCTION ARTS FESTIVAL

Mr. Something Something headlines Friday concert, with special guest openers The Framework; September 11

Toronto, ON, August 24, 2009 – The 17th annual Junction Arts Festival (September 9 – 13, 2009) presents a mosaic of unique visual, dance, literary and musical arts, and Afrobeat groovesters Mr. Something Something headline the Friday night free concert, with special guest new-wave openers The Framework; September 11 beginning at 8:00 p.m. on the outdoor main stage in the Junction City Square (2960 Dundas Street West at Pacific Avenue).

Junction Arts Festival creative producer Michael Menegon states “This is a concert ‘event’ with two powerful bands, experimental video and Art Fuzion (a group of graffiti artists inspired by the music). Of course Mr. Something Something will be needing more than just bicycle power for this concert, but rest assured their SoundCycle will be out in force on Sunday as part of the festival’s Green Village.”

Mr. Something Something, Johan Hultqvist (vocals/shaker), John M^{ac}Lean (tenor sax, clarinet, flute), Larry Graves (drums/percussion), Paul M^{ac}Dougall (guitar), Liam Smith (bass) and Jennifer Dallas (dance), is reputed for its high-energy live shows, fusing African rhythm with jazz and pop. Their second album “The Edge” was nominated for a 2007 Juno Award, and they recently released their fourth recording “Shine Your Face” on June 3, 2009.

The band has played over 450 shows and their interactive performances have become a vehicle for their green initiatives. Concerned with sustainability issues and hopefully inspiring audience participation, Mr. Something Something has put together Canada's first bicycle-powered concert in the form of the SoundCycle (a system of their own invention).

The Framework, Ryan Isojima (vocals/guitar), Chris Graham (vocals/guitar), Rayanne Lepieszko (synths/vocals), Scott Winter (bass), Tobias Smith (drums), is a synth-rock band who celebrate the release of their self-produced full length debut album “Before Tonight” (August 4, 2009, distributed on Last Gang Records) and the video for the first single “Always Left Behind”, now airing on MuchMusic and MuchMoreMusic.

In 2008, Inside E Magazine honoured The Framework as one of the top five bands at the North by Northeast Music Festival and they won third place in the Virgin Festival's Road to V contest (selected by fans and industry judges including Virgin CEO Richard Branson).

Please Note: Further festival details and artist information is available at www.junctionartsfest.com.

Attracting 200,000 visitors in 2008, the Junction Arts Festival, produced by the Junction Forum for Art and Culture, takes place along Dundas Street West between Keele Street and Quebec Avenue, and features five free days of artistry and innovation: Visual Art Exhibits (September 9 to 13), Live Music Concerts (September 10, 11 and 12), and during the weekend – Street Performance Artists, Literary Artists, KidZone, Green Village and Artisan/Vendor Market (Sept. 12 and 13).

The 2009 Junction Arts Festival is generously supported by title sponsor the Junction Business Improvement Area, the Toronto Arts Council and the active involvement from Junction area businesses and residents.

The Junction Forum for Art and Culture (JFAC) is a non-profit arts presenting organization and its main project is the annual Junction Arts Festival. The JFAC Board of Directors, chaired by Councillor Bill Saundercook, consists of dedicated cultural producers, artists, residents, business owners and politicians, all of whom are based in the Junction.

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