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No fooling: Place des Arts will open its doors in April

Greater Sudbury, February 24, 2022 – Greater Sudbury's *Place des Arts* will officially open its doors on April 29, 2022.

This is what its Chairperson, Alain Richard, revealed after drawing up an assessment of the work to be completed before the site can welcome its first visitors in complete safety.

"The COVID-19 pandemic caused a shortage of labour on the site," he explained. "Then, a shortage of certain materials and recent roadblocks at the Canada-U.S. border made it difficult to receive what we needed to complete the work early. Now that the situation has improved, we will be able to receive artists and patrons shortly."

The final work is taking place on the ground floor, mainly in the auditorium, a space with highly specialised equipment and facilities. A new schedule has been established with the contractors to complete the work while respecting the relevant safety standards.

Place des Arts' co-founding organisations will move into the building at the end of March, while the training of the technical teams and the running-in of the equipment and facilities will take place in April, before the official opening. The activities surrounding the opening will be announced at a later date.

Greater Sudbury's *Place des Arts*' mission is to "make possible and accessible quality cultural and artistic experiences, which have a lasting impact on the lives of citizens and contribute to the development and the well-being of the Francophone and Greater Sudbury communities."

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