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Closing Night of the 475th Anniversary Celebration

Gaspé, December 8, 2009 – The Corporation for the 2009 Gaspé Celebrations of the arrival of Jacques Cartier's arrival in America is preparing a superb night to close out this festive year. A retrospective of this fabulous year, as well as songs and fireworks are on the schedule.

The last great gatherings of the 475th anniversary celebrations will take place on Queen Street the evening of December 31, starting at 9:15 p.m. In keeping with the end of an amazing year, a retrospective of the year 2009, in sound and images, will be projected onto a giant screen. Following that, make way for the show! After winning the public over this summer, the *Autour de...* [*All about...*] concept will be back. Several Gaspesian entertainers and VIPs will invite the crowd to warm up by singing and dancing, just like at traditional New Year's parties! Then the public will be asked to go to Gaspé Boulevard, across from Harbour Street, where they can enjoy the Loto-Québec Fireworks that will close this year the same way it started. The Loto-Québec Fireworks will start at 11:30 p.m. and end at midnight, bringing the 475th Anniversary Celebration full circle.

This night will also be the chance for the city of Gaspé to pass the celebration on to the cities of Bonaventure and Cloridorme. In 2010 the city of Cloridorme, with Mayor Jocelyne Huet, will celebrate its 175th anniversary, while Bonaventure, with Mayor Serge Arsenault, will celebrate its 250 years.

Come to Gaspé on December 31 for a magical evening!

This night is presented by Hydro-Québec, a major financial partner of the Celebrations.

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