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Celebrate the Night Annual Event

Maple Ridge, BC: The City of Maple Ridge's biggest annual fall event, Celebrate the Night, is happening on Sunday, October 25 with two new programs designed to keep participants safe while celebrating autumn. The first is the Lights & Lasers Drive-In, located outside the Golden Ears Winter Club, and the second is a livestream concert with JUNO Award-winning trio, 'Said the Whale'. Other activities will include online games, a virtual costume contest and The Great Pumpkin Recipe Challenge.

"While Celebrate the Night will be a little different than past years, we look forward to a very exciting and entertaining program for families, youth and adults," says Yvonne Chui, Recreation Manager Arts & Community Connections. "Based on learnings from our successful Summer Happenings, Celebrate the Night will be a fun and innovative example of how we can come together as a community while staying safe."

The City would like to thank its sponsors and partners for their enthusiasm to innovate alongside the City's event planning team. Without the help of Envision Financial, Galactic Entertainment, ReMax, the ACT Arts Centre and Shawn Lam Video, Celebrate the Night 2020 would not be possible. Thank you also to local restaurants Taco Fan and Humble Roots for their contributions.

Registration for the Lights & Lasers Drive-in is now open <u>online</u> or by phone during registration hours (604-467-7422). Program details, including safety information, is available on the landing page (<u>mapleridge.ca/1758</u>). Please note that programs are subject to changes due to weather and public health advisories.

Background Information:

Lights & Lasers Drive-In (\$5 Per Vehicle, Pre-Registration Required)

The Lights & Lasers Drive-In is a 30-minute experience in the Golden Ears Winter Club parking lot. Combining cutting-edge technology, video projections, lasers and lights, participants will be dazzled in the comfort of their vehicle while the space around them transforms into a spectacular display. There will also be a live performance by Dr. Strangelove, a highly entertaining, multifaceted, six-piece dance band with five talented lead vocalists, who cover everything from Frank Sinatra to Lady Gaga, and from AC/DC to Shania Twain.

Livestream Concert (Free & No Registration Required)

Said the Whale will be performing during Celebrate the Night's livestream concert at 7:00 pm. Full details on how to tune in will be available online. The livestream will also give the community a sneak peek of the Lights & Lasers Drive-In experience at 6:45 pm for those who were not able to attend in-person.

Said the Whale's music is pure West Coast. There are rich harmonies drawn from California pop, crunchy guitars rooted in the lineage of Pacific Northwest indie rock and naturalistic lyrics inspired by the water and mountains of their hometown of Vancouver. Having spent more than a decade together, the JUNO Award-winning trio of Tyler Bancroft (vocals/guitar), Ben Worcester (vocals/guitar) and Jaycelyn Brown (keyboards) have perfected a big-hearted sound that's warmly organic and filled with pop hooks.