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## **DEBASER, CRIP RAVE, WILLOW CIOPPA, AND WHIMBLE JOIN FORCES TO DEMONSTRATE TRUE INCLUSION AT PIQUE WINTER EDITION 2023**

*[Ottawa, December 7, 2023]:* [Debaser](#), Ottawa's avant-garde music presenter, has partnered with local startup, [Whimble Care Inc.](#) ("Whimble"), Toronto collective [Crip Rave](#), and Montreal-based harm reduction specialist [Willow Cioppa](#), to bring unprecedented access to [Pique Winter Edition 2023](#) at Arts Court on Saturday, December 9, 2023.

"Debaser is thrilled to be working with Whimble as part of our efforts to improve accessibility at Pique. With a partnership in place with Crip Rave and our harm reduction team led by Willow Cioppa, Pique is more accessible than ever, which enriches the experience for everyone," says Debaser.

Whimble, a community-based platform connecting people with physical disabilities and caregivers, will provide on-site personal care attendant services to ensure a truly inclusive experience for all patrons with physical disabilities attending Pique.

"Providing personal care assistance in unexpected places is what Whimble is all about," says Emma Brown, Whimble founder. "This collaboration is proof of Debaser's commitment to true inclusion and access, and we look forward to supporting patrons, volunteers, artists and performers at this celebration of arts and music."

Crip Rave has curated one of their signature raves for Club SAW centering Crip, Disabled, Deaf, Mad and Sick communities with expressive and innovative electronic music. Their programming features DJ sets by Regularfantasy, Venus in Foil, and DJ Crip Time, among other live performances and audio-responsive visuals.

Willow Cioppa will lead E.Q.U.I.P.E., Pique's Harm Reduction team, to create an environment for people to dance and celebrate safely with the support of volunteers trained in anti-harassment techniques, crisis intervention, and safe consumption.

"I have always been a fanatic believer in the revolutionary, healing power of the dance floor. Live music and arts events should be, fundamentally, safe and accessible for all communities. I'm proud of the work Debaser is doing to prioritize a human-centered, community-focused live arts experience," says Willow Cioppa, Harm Reduction Advocate. "The collaboration between Debaser, Crip Rave, and Whimble will surely have a meaningful impact on the community and

hopefully catalyze other arts organizations into radically prioritizing accessible events, raves, parties, and celebrations.”

The festival, featuring 20 artists across 10 stages, promises groundbreaking performances as well as a commitment to financial accessibility. Tickets, available on [Eventbrite](#), are priced on a sliding scale of \$25-50 suggested or [pay-what-you-can](#) upon registration.

Using Whimble’s network, anyone attending Pique who has a physical disability and requires assistance with activities of daily living (such as bathroom breaks, eating or drinking), will have access to experienced caregivers at no additional charge. With numerous event partnerships under their belt, Whimble is proud to be a trusted resource for all event organizers in Ottawa.

*About Debaser:*

[Debaser](#) is a non-profit organization that exists to support underrepresented, equity-deserving and outsider art and artists, catalyze artist-driven and collaborative projects, and create inclusive and responsive community spaces that cultivate shared understanding, joy, and social impact.

*About Whimble:*

[Whimble](#) is an Ottawa-based caretech startup whose marketplace platform connects people with physical disabilities with experienced caregivers for on-demand personal care assistance.

*About Crip Rave:*

[Crip Rave™](#) is a Toronto-based collective that centres Crip, Disabled, Deaf, Mad and Sick communities within expressive and innovative electronic music spaces so that all people can feel safe, comfortable, have their access needs met and their talents reflected in rave culture.

*About Willow Cioppa:*

[Willow](#) is a harm reduction advocate, rave organizer, and proud party girl. They are fuelled by the ability to create environments for people to dance and celebrate safely, and they believe wholeheartedly in the healing abilities of the club and its dance floors.

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