

**Drop in on our best designers!
THIRD ANNUAL DESIGN MONTRÉAL OPEN HOUSE:
MAY 2 AND 3, 2009
Meeting the designers who make our city**

For immediate release

Montréal, April 16, 2009 – André Lavallée, Vice-Chair of the Executive Committee responsible for Urban Planning, the Transportation Plan, Heritage and Design, today unveiled the program for the third annual Design Montréal Open House. He was accompanied for the occasion by the event's spokespersons, actress Macha Limonchik and architect Gilles Saucier. A total of 65 Montréal design agencies, projects and presentation venues will be open to the public on Saturday and Sunday, May 2 and 3, from noon to 6 p.m.

“Montréal is home to an outstanding pool of internationally renowned talent and know-how in all disciplines of design,” Mr. Lavallée declared. This activity provides a unique opportunity to get to know the creators who are forging Montréal's reputation as a creative city—the very people, in fact, who are the foundation for Montréal's designation as a UNESCO City of Design. The Open House is a special time to visit inspiring places and meet the men and women who are giving form to our urban landscape and defining how we experience the city—day in, day out.”

Drop in... on where the action is, and see creativity close-up

For the third year in a row, Montréal designers will be throwing open their doors to let you discover their latest creations. Members of the public will be able to meet creators of Montréal projects that have won national and international design competitions and contests: architects, landscape architects, interior designers, industrial designers, graphic designers, fashion designers and urban planners. They will be present in their places of work to explain their approaches, comment on their creations and answer visitors' questions.

Something for everyone

This year's event features two new activities. To raise young people's awareness of design and its trades, some 20 participating offices and venues will be offering children aged 10 and up a variety of entertaining and enriching interactive exhibits focused on the themes that inform their work.

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In addition, with an eye to broadening the event's scope to include emerging design practices, a dozen or so young designers and design collectives, selected by the Pecha Kucha Montréal team, will be opening their doors. Members of the public will also be able to visit exhibitions by graduating students in the various university programs in design and architecture.

In the words of Ms. Limonchik and Mr. Saucier, "The Open House provides a unique opportunity to come and meet the creative professionals who are shaping our city, to better understand their work, and to discover young, talented designers with a bright career ahead of them."

Open House to partner with Canadian Centre for Architecture's (CCA) "20 Years: 20 Hours" event

The organizers of the Design Montréal Open House are pleased to invite members of the public to the "20 Years: 20 Hours" event in celebration of the CCA's 20th anniversary, offering a rich array of programming including an all-night festival that will continue until 7 a.m. on Sunday, May 3.

The Design Montréal Open House is an initiative of the Ville de Montréal in collaboration with the professional design community and in partnership with the Ministère de la Culture, des Communications et de la Condition féminine du Québec, pursuant to the Agreement on the Cultural Development of Montréal. The Design Montréal office was created in January 2006 by the Ville de Montréal. Its mission is to implement the municipal action plan aimed at improving design throughout the city and positioning Montréal as a UNESCO City of Design.

To access the complete program as well as choose sites to visit and designers to meet, visit the designmontreal.com website. You can view an interactive map for more information on participating sites and offices, organized by neighbourhood, and plan your itinerary using the transportation mode of your choice—on foot, by bicycle, by bus or by métro.

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Organizing Partners

- Association des architectes paysagistes du Québec
- Association des designers industriels du Québec
- Association professionnelle des designers d'intérieur du Québec
- Canadian Centre for Architecture
- Créativité Montréal
- Fonds d'études et de recherches en design intérieur de l'Est (FERDIE)
- Grafika
- Intérieurs
- Ordre des architectes du Québec
- Ordre des urbanistes du Québec
- Pecha Kucha Montréal
- Royal Architectural Institute of Canada
- Société des designers graphiques du Québec
- Stationnement de Montréal

Québec and Canadian professional competitions referenced

2008 Créativité Montréal competition

Retail business and office design competition

2008 Grafika competition

Graphic design, exhibition design, event design and Web design competition

2008 Graphex competition

Society of Graphic Designers of Canada graphic design, exhibition design and Web design competition

2008 Governor General's Medals in Architecture

For outstanding achievements in Canadian architecture

2008 Design Exchange Awards

National competition in architecture, landscape architecture, visual communications, industrial design, interior design, fashion design and urban design

2007 Ordre des architectes du Québec Awards of Excellence

Architecture competition

2008 *Canadian Architect* Awards of Excellence

Canadian Architect magazine's architecture competition

2008 RAIC National Urban Design Awards

Royal Architectural Institute of Canada regional and urban design national competitions

2008 Canadian Society of Landscape Architects Awards of Excellence

Landscape architecture competition

2008 Intérieurs FERDIE Prizes

Interior design and interior products design competition

11th Best of Canada Design Competition

Canadian Interiors magazine's industrial design, interior design, architecture and crafts competition

2007 Marcel-Parizeau Prize

Prize awarded by the Ordre des architectes du Québec as part of its Awards of Excellence

Fashion

In the absence of a local competition, a Fashion Selection Committee was assembled by the Ville de Montréal Fashion Commissioner's office.

New this year

Pecha Kucha Montréal Emerging Practices Selections, chosen among participants in the organization's Pecha Kucha Nights.

50 DESIGN OFFICES AND AGENCIES

Architecture

Brière, Gilbert + associés
Jodoin Lamarre Pratte et associés architectes
Lemay Michaud Architecture Design
Les architectes FABG
Natalie Dionne Architecte
Naturehumaine architecture & design
Pierre Morency Architecte
Rayside architecte
Smith Vigeant architectes

Landscape architecture

Claude Cormier Landscape Architects
Daniel Arbour & Associés
NIP paysage

Architecture and urban design

Cardinal Hardy – architecture-paysage-design urbain
Daoust Lestage

Urban design

Minimum Cost Housing Group, McGill University

Industrial design

Aquaovo
Couper Croiser
Eclipse
eXtension Concepts
Michel Dallaire Design Industriel presents the BIXI

Sustainable design

Perennia

Interior design

Materia Design
Moine Urbain
Moureaux Hauspy Associés Designers

Electronic design

Electronic Crafts
Moment Factory
Pneuma | Topological Media Lab

Graphic design

Atelier Chinotto
Atelier Louis-Charles Lasnier
Atelier Pastille Rose
Baillat Cardell & fils
Bélanger Branding Design

FEED
INPHO
Omen
Orangetango
Paprika
Rita Studio de design
Thomas, Thomassin & Renzo
Toxa

Fashion design

Bodybag by Jude (Jude Clothing)
CLUC Couture
ENVERS by Yves Jean Lacasse
Harricana
Katrin Leblond
Marie Saint Pierre Design
Mylène B
Rudsak
Véronique Miljkovitch

6 URBAN SPACES

Boutique Michel Brisson by Saucier+Perrotte architectes
Buvette Chez Simone by Zébulon Perron & associés
Domison by Blazysgerard
Loft Encadrex by Smith Vigeant architectes
Pascale Girardin in the Laurie Raphaël restaurant at Hôtel Le Germain
Restaurant DNA by Braun-Braën

9 EXHIBITIONS

Montréal Biennale 2009: *The Good Conspiracy*, walk along the Saint-Laurent Boulevard, from Sherbrooke to Duluth Streets, presented by Amuse
Canadian Centre for Architecture (CCA): *20 Years: 20 Hours*
Galerie Monopoli: *In Homage to the Model*
Galerie Yellow Fish Art: *Design for Heroes*
Montréal Museum of Fine Arts: The Design Lab
Concordia University: *Transition*, exhibition by the graduating class, Design Art Program, at Galerie Push
Université de Montréal: Exhibition by the graduating class, Faculty of Environmental Design
Université du Québec à Montréal: Exhibition by the graduating class, Graphic Design, at the UQAM Design Centre
McGill University: Exhibition highlighting student work from the design studios of Fall 2008 and Winter 2009