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The Côte-des-Neiges–Notre-Dame-de-Grâce Borough receives a third public piano

Montréal, May 28, 2015 – For Montréal's third public piano season, the Côte-des-Neiges–Notre-Dame-de-Grâce (CDN–NDG) Borough has chosen an unusual space in which to create a musical gathering place for a very special clientele. At the initiative of the borough in partnership with Les Pianos Leblond, the CHU Sainte-Justine will house the borough's third public piano, which was donated by the Côte-des-Neiges Black Community Association.

Located outdoors in the colour zone (known as the *zone de détente* or "relaxation area"), the piano will be made available to young patients, parents, visitors and staff at the hospital. About 40 youth took part in a drawing contest jointly organized by the borough and professionals at the hospital. "Not only is this the first piano to be set up in a Québec health care establishment, but the drawing painted onto the instrument is a reproduction of a work by a young patient, Mégane Paquin," explained Borough Director Stéphane Plante.

Starting at noon on June 1, Nicolas Oligny, an emerging artist and resident of the borough, will reproduce the young patient's work on the piano at the CHU Sainte-Justine.

For more on the public pianos across the city, go to <u>facebook/pianospublicsdemontreal</u>

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