

Bonjour,

I am writing you concerning your recent *Projet de Politique de développement culturel de Montréal 2025-2030* plan.

This ambitious plan is such a great initiative, but the English-speaking arts community in Montreal is largely absent. Yet we are a vibrant, active, involved, and highly creative community who are proud to be Montrealers and engaged in showcasing our city to citizens and the world.

Moreover, we interweave our Anglo roots and language with the city itself as well as French-speaking Quebec language and culture. We are not a separate community but an overlapping one, and we have each one of us chosen to create here rather than move elsewhere for our art. Montreal adds a layer to our creativity that no other place can offer, and you can find Montreal unmistakably in what we make.

I write to ask if you will please acknowledge our contribution to Montreal's arts and culture scene, as well as support us in our ongoing work to make Montreal shine. Make room for us at the table so we can, together, continue to make our city a unique place where artists can not only survive, but thrive--and Montreal along with us.

Merci,

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