



Making Place for Creativity in the Workplace

Montreal, September 16, 2008 – Culture pour tous is pleased to announce the 2nd edition of *Art at Work*, an artistic mediation project that seeks to develop creativity in the workplace and make art more accessible to workers.

For this edition, seven companies, with very different profiles, and three municipalities are welcoming professional artists into their respective workplaces to hold workshops and create collective works in collaboration with the employees: **CPE Premiers Pas** and **Raphaël Bénédicte** (La Tuque); **Molson Canada** and **Lucie Bélanger** (Montréal); **Plastiques Gagnon** and **Sara Chamard** (Saint-Jean-Port-Joli); **TD Meloche Monnex** and **Morno** (Laval); the city of **La Tuque** and **Guy Simard**; the city of **Laval** and **Patricia Gauvin**; the city of **Longueuil** and **Michelle Baillargeon**.

Most of these creations will be unveiled during the Journées de la culture on upcoming September 26, 27 and 28.

The artists and their projects

1) Centre de la Petite Enfance Premier Pas and Raphaël Bénédicte (La Tuque)

Jouer c'est magique!

The Abenaki painter created two murals in the hall of the CPE (daycare centre). The first illustrates the six sections of the preschool aid program for Aboriginals, and the second, which was created with the participation of the children, their parents and the preschool teachers, gives visual form to what the youngsters retained from their stay in the daycare centre.

On display during the Journées de la culture at the CPE Premier Pas :

Friday, September 26, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

350 Brown

819-523-3031, ext. 30

2) Molson Canada and Lucie Bélanger (Montreal)

Cap à la bière

Molson employees are invited to recycle beer capsules to create a large-scale mural that will be exhibited in the entrance hall of the Molson company Quebec head office. Four old chairs and a table will also be recycled and transformed into works of art thanks to a collage comprised of beer capsules and logos drawn from the company's brands.

On display during the Journées de la culture in the John Molson room:

Friday, September 26, 11:00 am to 2:00 pm

John Molson Room, 1670 Notre-Dame East

514-521-1786, ext. 6039

3) Plastiques Gagnon and Sara Chamard (Saint-Jean-Port-Joli)

Souriez

On the occasion of its 50th birthday, this family business has invited the artist to coordinate the creation of a collective mural with its employees. Initially the work will be created at the Saint-Jean-Port-Joli Marina harbour master's office on detachable wood panels, which will subsequently be installed in the salle des Bâisseurs of the company's head office.

On display during the Journées de la culture at the Marina harbour master's office :

Saturday, September 27, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

418-598-3361

4) TD Meloche Monnex and Caroline Morneau aka Morno (Laval)

On the occasion of the inauguration of its new offices in Laval, the company reserved a cafeteria wall where some 140 employees participated in the creation of a collective mural under the supervision of the painter.

5) City of La Tuque and Guy Simard

The employees of the municipality are invited to participate in the creation of a stained glass window illustrating these lyrics by Felix Leclerc: "Les blés sont mûrs et la terre est mouillée. Les grands labours dorment sous la gelée." (Ripe is the wheat and wet the earth. The plows' labours slumber under the frost). Taking inspiration from matter, municipal employees will insert pieces of glass in a window frame to create a luminous work on the theme of the nourishing earth for the Town Hall's cafeteria.

On display during the Journées de la culture at the Town Hall:

Friday, September 26, 8:30 am to 4:00 pm

375 St-Joseph

819-523-8200, ext. 2703

6) Ville de Laval and Patricia Gauvin

Laissez-vous contaminer par l'art!

Through photography workshops and an electronic correspondence game, employees of the Laval municipality discover the city's art collection consisting of more than 410 moveable works and 35 permanently integrated works.

On display during the Journées de la culture at the Maison des arts:

Friday, September 26, 7:30 pm to 10:00 pm

Sunday, September 28, 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Maison des arts, 1395 de la Concorde West

450-662-4440

7) Ville de Longueuil and Michelle Baillargeon

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Municipal employees are called upon to build Archimedean polyhedra of the cuboctahedron variety and to personalize them through the insertion of found-objects or creations of their own making. These elements will be displayed in an aerial or sculptural installation form.

On display during the Journées de la culture at the Bibliothèque Georges-Dor:

Friday, September 26, 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

Sunday, September 28, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

2760 de Chambly

450-463-7181

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