

# ATSA

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## ÉTAT D'URGENCE: a refugee camp in downtown Montreal NOVEMBER 23-27, 2005, at PLACE ÉMILIE-GAMELIN (Berri-UQAM metro)

A celebration of solidarity, and a creative space focused on social cohesion.

État d'Urgence is an annual rendez-vous with and in the street orchestrated by ATSA since 1998 in collaboration with numerous artists and private and public organizations. Looking like a refugee camp smack dab in the core of the wealthy metropolis, it is a meeting ground whose aim is to stimulate socially engaged art and solidarity between people of all stripes.

État d'Urgence represents **\$50,000 worth of warm clothes** for street people, **three meals per day** including sit-down meals for 150 people and a **24-hour snack table**, nighttime sleeping quarters, and **top-calibre, multidisciplinary and free programming** showcasing artists who give of themselves generously, all in a festive environment. It is an unforgettable experience for all involved, bridging the gaps between the different social realities and bringing together various cultural media in the camp's daily goings-on. The realistic setting occupies Place Émilie-Gamelin (Berri-UQAM metro) in its entirety, under two heated big tops open to all, around the clock. Outside, braziers warm up the crowd, who can view the action taking place inside the tents on a giant video screen.

État d'Urgence is a *manifestival*, a committed and multidisciplinary setting in which to discover artists in another light, in a climate of sharing and social cohesion; no artifice, just one-to-one human contact making for a unique experience. Get involved!

### ÉTAT D'URGENCE 2005 PROGRAMMING

Visit [www.atsa.qc.ca](http://www.atsa.qc.ca) for schedule and show times and for details regarding artist involvement.

\***Discover PERFORMANCE** artists *Louise Dubreuil* and *Claudia Bernal* and a spectacular **INSTALLATION** by visual artist *Mario Duchesneau*.

\***Let yourself be enchanted** by **STORYTELLERS** *Claudette l'Heureux*, *Paul Bradley*, *Éric Gauthier*, *Évelyne Ménard* and *Isabelle Saint-Pierre*, resident storyteller at *Vif-Argent* productions, already on the lookout for urban storytellers for the 2006 edition of ATSA's *Contes de l'Urgence!*

\***Swing your partner** with **CALLER** *Mireille Girard* and her musicians, and **enjoy** other excellent **BANDS & MUSICIANS**: *Polémil Bazar*, *Les Balthazar*, *Les Voix Ferrées*, *Les Têtes Ailleurs*, *Urbain Desbois*, *La Fanfare Pourpour*, *Kumpa'nia*, *Catherine Major*, and *Diane de Coëtlogon*.

\***DJ HAPPY HOURS** with *Fred Everything*, *Frivolous*, *The Mole*, *Soul Sista* and *Champion*.

\***THEATRICAL FRIDAY** with *Mise au Jeu* and the *Ligue nationale d'improvisation*.

\***Laugh out loud** with *Guy Nantel*, *the Rhinoceros Party*, *La Fanfare du peuple*, *François Gourd* and our master of ceremonies *Stéphane Crête*.

\***Attend CONFERENCES** by *Marc-Henri Faure* from *Équita*; *Louis Jacob*, sociologist at UQAM, on art and wandering; *Sophie Rondeau* from the Canadian Red Cross; and *Philippe Ducros*, writer.

\***See the PHOTOGRAPHY** of *Isabelle Hayeur*, *Ana Rewakowicz*, *Le Refuge Meurling* and *Martin Savoie*.

\***Applaud** the youthful **CIRCUS PERFORMERS** of *Barracks 18-30*.

\*And let's not forget, **watch FILMS & SHORT FEATURES**: *Ryan*, *Si j'avais un Chapeau*, *La Vidéo Paradiso*, *État d'Urgence 2004*, *Le Banquet*, *L'Égalité*, *Le Ciel Gris* ... and several surprises!

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*La Vidéo Paradiso* will be on hand to film a series of *Urgence* videoclips with young and not-so-young street people. The clips will be shown at Sunday's Cabaret!

## FOOD SERVICE AND GASTRONOMY at ÉTAT d'URGENCE: SURVIVAL OF THE SPIRIT AND OF THE PALATE

Providing three meals per day to over 125 homeless people is made possible thanks to the generosity of restaurateurs Le Commensal, Arrêt Bus caterers, la Coop Génereux, Soupesoup, Bistro Le Réservoir, La Brunoise, the Théâtre du Nouveau Monde café, Les Pommiers and Holder restaurant, as well as the contributions of community groups and private donors for breakfasts and the snack table.

On **November 26, at 6 P.M.**, don't miss the ***Au Banquet Cochon? C'est Toqué, ma Colombe!*** banquet. Renowned chefs Martin Picard from Pied de Cochon, Normand Laprise from Toqué, Moustafa Rougabi from La Colombe, with the participation of La Tablee des Chefs and professors Jean-Paul Grappe, Jean-Marc Barraud and Jacques Murray from the Institut de Tourisme et d'Hôtellerie du Québec (ITHQ), have for the past three years graciously prepared and served a five-course gastronomic feast in the street, for those on the street. [photo](#)

Stéphane Crête will be your host.

***Au Banquet Cochon? C'est Toqué, ma Colombe!***  
with

DJ Soul Sista

The Rhinoceros Party and *La fanfare du peuple*: special banquet participation!

Musical artists Catherine Major and Diane de Coëtlogon  
and many more pleasant surprises!

**Buy your tickets or make a donation on-line at [www.atsa.qc.ca](http://www.atsa.qc.ca)!**

### Meritorious mentions!

\*L'Anonyme, a mobile intervention unit stationed on Berri St.

\*[www.ilesansfil.org](http://www.ilesansfil.org) will provide digital connections for État d'Urgence over its entire 5 days!

\*[www.homelessnation.ca](http://www.homelessnation.ca), supplying Web page creation services (permanently hosted on the État d'Urgence site) to the homeless, to provide an address, albeit virtual, to those who have none!

\*Children's books donations

ATSA is equity- and ecology-minded, and is proud to be partners with R4, Consortium Écho-Logique, Équita and Recy-Clone Inc.

Thank you to all our financial partners, our numerous sponsors and all the État d'Urgence volunteers without whom nothing would be possible.

**For details, visit [www.atsa.qc.ca](http://www.atsa.qc.ca).**

ATSA, a not-for-profit organization, was founded in 1997 by artists Pierre Allard and Annie Roy. Their urban installation events aim to raise awareness of social, environmental and heritage issues through artistic means. ATSA's État d'Urgence is partially financed by the Social and Community Development department of the Ville de Montréal and by the CCA, the CALQ, the CAM, Engrenage Noir, the Cirque du Monde, Bell Canada and several private-sector partners, as well as numerous generous sponsors and community, food service industry and artistic groups.

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## YOU CAN HELP ÉTAT D'URGENCE:

### MAKE A DONATION FOR A PLATE AT THE BANQUET. YOU'LL PROVIDE AN UNFORGETTABLE EVENING OF FINE DINING FOR A PERSON WHO MIGHT OTHERWISE NEVER EXPERIENCE IT!

This festive siege constitutes a form of resistance to rampant individualism and the deterioration of social relations in our society. Nevertheless, one can appreciate that the event cannot exist without financing. État d'Urgence is produced by ATSA with woefully inadequate financing. Our main fundraising activity to finance État d'Urgence 2005 is:

#### *LE BANQUET COCHON? C'EST TOQUÉ, MA COLOMBE!*

A gastronomic feast prepared by **renowned chefs Martin Picard** from **Pied de Cochon**, **Normand Laprise** from **Toqué**, **Moustafa Rougabi** from **La Colombe**, with the participation of **La Tablee des Chefs** and professor **Jean-Paul Grappe** from the Institut de Tourisme et d'Hôtellerie du Québec (ITHQ), as well as **ITHQ** students. This five-course meal is provided to more than 180 street people on Saturday, November 26, 2005 starting at 6:00 P.M. on the État d'Urgence site.

Please **support État d'Urgence 2005 by making a donation for one or more plates at \$50 each**. Your donation will enable some of the most deprived citizens to experience an unforgettable moment.

In addition, a limited number of seats at the banquet table will be reserved for those having purchased two or more plates and whose names are drawn. If you buy two or more plates, provide us with your coordinates and your name will be entered into the draw for these limited seats!

You may make a donation on-line at [www.atsa.qc.ca](http://www.atsa.qc.ca) or mail a cheque to:

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Be sure to mention your donation is for État d'Urgence 2005.

État d'Urgence is also your opportunity to volunteer. There are over **200 volunteer shifts to be filled!** Don't hesitate to contact us at (514) 844-9830 or at [info@atsa.qc.ca](mailto:info@atsa.qc.ca).

This year, the camp will have something for the whole family. For programming details, visit [www.atsa.qc.ca](http://www.atsa.qc.ca). You'll be better prepared to plan your stay at our most hospitable venue!

#### **IN SOLIDARITY WITH YOU!**

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