



Le Temps d'une Soupe

A major event produced by ATSA and the Nuit des Sans-abri de Montréal

October 15–18, 2015

Place Émilie-Gamelin in Montreal's Quartier des spectacles

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Montreal, Wednesday, September 23, 2015 — ATSA (for Action Terroriste Socialement Acceptable) and the Nuit des Sans-abri de Montréal (NSA) invite Montrealers to their first joint event, *Le Temps d'une Soupe*, a meeting of art and activism to raise awareness of homelessness.

From Thursday, October 15 through Sunday, October 18, 2015, at Place Émilie-Gamelin in Montreal's Quartier des spectacles, ATSA will set up its urban day camp and offer *Prendre... Le temps d'une soupe*, a new, continuous, interactive art installation that lends part of its name to this new event. The installation invites citizens to meet and chat with a perfect stranger, quite literally for the time it takes to enjoy a bowl of soup, starting Thursday, October 15 at 4 p.m.

In solidarity with society's neediest members, a 12-hour nighttime march and vigil, organized by NSA, will set out from Place Émilie-Gamelin at 6 p.m. on Friday, October 16. With the federal elections to be held just three days later, a timely message will be delivered to the future government urging it to step up the fight against homelessness through whatever means necessary, including increased investment in social housing.

Multidisciplinary artistic programming will be offered free of charge over the four days on a large outdoor stage as well as under two big-tops (ATSA and NSA) set up around lit braziers in the heart of Place Émilie-Gamelin. Full details regarding the interactive intervention, programming, services provided on-site to street people, and the march will be announced in early October.

Over 50 Montreal-based grassroots and humanitarian organizations, nearly 200 volunteers and 15 restaurateurs will take part in the *Le Temps d'une Soupe* event.

From October 15 through 18, at Montreal's Place Émilie-Gamelin, take some time to come share some soup—and conversation—with fellow Montrealers!

Registration for volunteer shifts begins September 24 at www.atsa.qc.ca.

ATSA

Since its very first intervention, 1997's *La Banque à Bas* (The Sock Bank), **ATSA**, founded by artists Pierre Allard and Annie Roy, has always produced an annual event at Montreal's Place Émilie-Gamelin that blends art and activism to raise public awareness of homelessness: originally billed as *État d'Urgence* (State of Emergency, an urban refugee camp that garnered the Citoyen de la Culture 2008 award and the Artistes pour la Paix 2008 award) from 1998 to 2010, then as *Fin Novembre* from 2011 to 2013 (honourable mention at the Prix du maire de Montréal en démocratie 2013). ATSA carries on producing urban art interventions in the public space—events that encourage citizens to speak up and that empower them to take action, thereby giving these encounters a powerful dynamic.

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NSA

For 26 years, the **Nuit des Sans-abri (NSA)** invites citizens in dozens of cities and towns across Québec to gather simultaneously in a gesture of solidarity with homeless people. This great coming together fosters better awareness of the daily precarity faced by the homeless, and calls out to politicians and institutions to meet their responsibility to do something. For homelessness remains a societal issue of the utmost urgency. In Montreal, homelessness now impacts a wide swath of the population, across very diverse groups.

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