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# THE FRONT

## Last emergency

State of Emergency, the annual village/art exhibit set up every fall at Berri Square, is preparing to say goodbye with its biggest and perhaps slyest event yet.

In years past, Action Terroriste Socialement Acceptable (ATSA) set up tent villages using Canadian Forces and Red Cross/Red Crescent tents, among other concepts. This year, they'll be setting up a mock all-inclusive resort, with fake palm trees, a karaoke station, swimming pool and lounge chairs. "We're using humour" to draw attention to the plight of the city's homeless, says ATSA co-founder Annie Roy. "But it's also a little cynical."

Roy announced last week that this year's edition, the 12th, would be its last, due to the overwhelming amount of time, money and energy required to stage State of Emergency. She says the group wants to be able to concentrate on its other public art installation projects as it looks ahead.

"We want to leave the door open to staging another one, if we can find the donors," says Roy, who says the event costs \$120,000 to stage. "We'd like to see a group take over the [exhibit] and run it as a parallel event."

For a full list of this year's State of Emergency, which runs Nov. 25–28, see [atsa.qc.ca](http://atsa.qc.ca).

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