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MTL Fun Time focuses on the discovery of the new and exciting. As a magazine, we strive to offer to our reader's the opportunity to experience new things and find out about all the nooks and crannies of the city we know as Montreal. Our goal as a magazine is to show our marvelous city and everything that it has to offer, whether it be, the food, the culture, the festivals, the areas, etc. We aim to show Montreal to the world, as the beautiful city that it is. Hopefully, we will successfully get the attention of the people that are wondering where they should go on their vacation or just people looking for inspiration for their night outs in Montreal. Our team at MTL Fun Time are dedicated and work very hard to publish quality content. We are a small team of writers, reporters and editors working tirelessly in order to display our marvelous city to the world. Montreal Fun Time is made by Montrealer's, for everybody. We hope you enjoy Montreal Fun Time, feel free to send us your feedback!

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ADRIAN

Compared to the numerous Olympic medalists and athletes, Adrian was undoubtedly up there with the top swimmers of the world. He got into swimming when he was 6 years old. Although his prowess was comparable to the all-time greats, Adrian had never participated in any tournaments whatsoever. Even though his friends encouraged him to show the world his capabilities, Adrian feared that, if he were to do so, the world would never be able to appreciate the talents of any other swimmers. Over the years, Adrian had come to find a bunch of new hobbies, such as, dancing, design, eating at restaurants and criticizing them on Yelp, socializing with his friends and family and most importantly, feeding birds while sitting on a bench in his local park.



ANASTASIA

Anastasia is an excellent founder that has recently launched her own makeup company for facial and skin care products. She is an excellent performer when it comes to thinking about a new idea. She has a team of people who work for her in New York that run her website. Anastasia is very good at managing people, she also manages a group of people in Montreal as well. Anastasia's company just recently launched and on the opening day she gave many skin care products for free to whoever came to support. Now with her hard work and discipline, focus she will grow her company worldwide.



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TYRONE

Tyrone David is a talented graphic designer born and raised in Montreal. His strengths as a designer are his vector art and web design capabilities. From looking at his previous works, his style is very contrast-based. In an earlier interview, David mentioned that he gets his motivation and creativity from various anime shows and cartoons. We asked David where he sees himself in the upcoming years, he replied "I'd be continuing my education. Focusing more towards character development or some form of animation. Afterwards I'd like to get a good job and join a team of character designers at a gaming industry."



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MATTHEW

Matthew was born April 6 1998. Since he was little he always enjoyed drawing and painting, it became a passion of his to create worlds and characters. When he was young his passion for art grew even more when he played video games. Video games like Crash bandicoot, Sly cooper and many other kids' games made him realize all that you could do in that medium as an art form.





OSHEAGA: THE ESSENTIAL MONTREAL MUSIC FESTIVAL

Montreal is renowned for its music festivals. The city is constantly hosting music festivals throughout the year. Osheaga, Mural, Ile Soniq, the International Jazz Fest, Piknic Électronik and Igloofest, just to name a few...

BY: ADRIAN

Osheaga is probably the biggest of the Montreal music festivals. It features a whole set of genres, artists. It takes place in Summer in parc Jean-Drapeau on Île Ste-Hélène (Where Laronde is!) and takes place over a few days.

I was able to get into contact with a Osheaga 2018 attendee and she gladly accepted to let me interview her.

So, when did you go to Osheaga? (day(s), year, what time, etc.)

"I went to Osheaga last year in August. I do not remember the exact day but I'm pretty sure I went on the Sunday the 5th. I got there around 2pm. It was pretty fun. I met up with my friend earlier that day to get prepared and we took the metro to get there."

How did you find it? (did you go with friends? how was the music, environment, weather, was it worth it? was it tiring?)

"Since one of my best friends was going. She had an extra ticket and offered the opportunity to go, I was able to go for free! I had a lot of fun, but it was really crowded. There were some songs that I didn't know but I still think the music was good because I knew most of the songs of the singers that I saw perform. The weather was great, even though it was extremely hot. The company organizing Osheaga made sure that there would be a jet of water that would spray onto the crowd every ten minutes or so. I really think it was an amazing experience, everyone there were cool, and all loved the same music as me! Obviously, it was worth it for me because I went for free, but I still think it would be worth it if I had paid. It was tiring though, and I could barely stand up by the end of it."

Which artists did you go see? (who were your favorites?)

"Unfortunately, I was unable to see everyone that was presenting on that day but I went to go see Florence and the Machine, BROCKHAMPTON, Franz Ferdinand, Cuco, The Neighbourhood, Post Malone, Dua Lipa and LAUV. But Post Malone was my favorite. He was so cool, and I love his songs, so it was very cool being able to see him in person."

What was the best thing about going to this music festival?

"Seeing a bunch of artists live! I loved the lineup and it was really amazing being able to see all these artists perform back to back in one spot. I really appreciate it that there isn't one specific genre of music, it makes things more interesting and more diverse."

Have you been to other music festivals? How do they compare to Osheaga?

"Osheaga is really fun because there isn't one type of music, festivals like Ile Sonic and Picnik are mostly just electronic music, which is cool but Osheaga really stands out because of its diversity. As for other music festivals I've attended, I haven't gone to many, but I once went to this rave; I forget what it is called but it was basically a free Ile Sonic, but it was also very fun, still very tiring, but fun!"

Do you want to go again this year? If no, why not?

"I do want to go again either to Osheaga or Ile Sonic. I really want to see either Bad Bunny or J Balvin but I would only go for one day only because it gets very tiring and it is very expensive. I was fortunate enough that I went for free!"

Well, thank you for taking time to answer my questions!

"No problem! Thank you for having me."





This year's Osheaga's lineup was released at the end of March. The 2019 lineup features artists such as the famed Childish Gambino, Flume, Interpol, The Franklin Electric, boy pablo, laye and many, many more. The festival will be taking place from Friday, August 2nd to Sunday, August 4th and tickets start from 125\$ CAD for a single day or up to 1250\$ CAD for VIP access and a bunch more exclusive perks. Each day will feature different artists every one of those days, so make sure to plan accordingly!

Osheaga is one of the biggest events in Montreal during the Summer and, honestly, it can get a bit overwhelming. Especially, if it's your first time going. So we thought of a few tips and tricks for you to get by Osheaga without any trouble!

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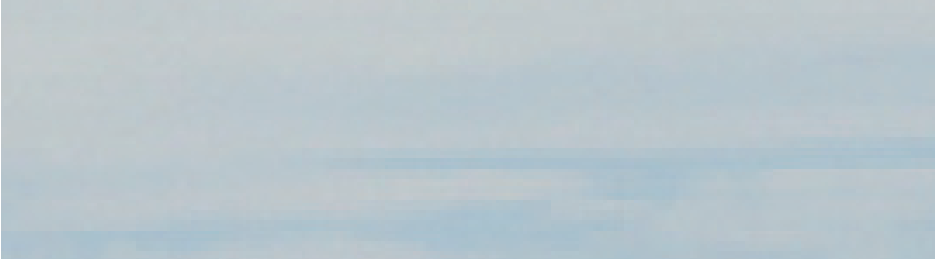
1. **Be prepared for any kind of weather.** You never know how the temperature is going to end up being during the weekend, so make sure to bring an extra sweater, a rain jacket and/or an umbrella just in case!
2. **Plan out your weekend!** 3 days, 7 stages and an enormous number of artists! It is crucial for Osheaga attendees to plan out their day(s) and decide what their priorities are. You do not, I repeat, **DO NOT**, want to miss your favorite song by your favorite artist just because you thought you had time to go grab a coffee beforehand.
3. **Dress comfortably.** Osheaga will be tiring, that is a fact. You will be standing and jumping for hours in the heat and/or the rain, so it is necessary to dress appropriately. Also, keep in mind the paths are made of gravel, so it is probably best that you wear comfortable sneakers. We do not recommend you wear skin tight leather pants or stilettos during the festival.
4. **Bring cash!** There are a lot of food stands and snack bars all around the site. But a lot of them only accept cash. There are ATMs around the grounds but there is often a line to use them, so don't forget to take out some cash before going into the festival.
5. **Stay hydrated.** This one should be obvious but **BRING A WATER BOTTLE!** There are water fountains scattered around the site but it is a very good idea to bring a bottle so you can refill it every now and then. The last thing you want to do while you're having fun listening to music is passing out due to dehydration.





PLACES THAT ARE RECOMMENDED TO VISIT IN THE SUMMER

BY: ANASTASIA



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The Old Port

Montreal is filled with many Fun Summer activities and here are recommended places to visit during your stay. The first activity you should do with friends or family is visit Old Montreal, where you can take a nice long walk and enjoy the European look and feel. The Old Port has a lot of old buildings as well as the road which has been there for quite a while. You will enjoy walking around the area because you will have the opportunity to mingle with Montrealer's on sidewalk cafes while overlooking the river. There are many street performances that you can enjoy at Place Jacques Cartier. If you like shopping you are in luck, because there are many souvenir and stores around the area. When the sun goes down after a hot summer day, enjoy Montreal's nightlife at the Old Port, with friends and family to top off your stay.



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The Botanical Garden

After you have visited the Old Port it's time to try something different such as visiting the Montreal Botanical Gardens. This is a great place to visit for atmosphere of peace and tranquility. Located in the Metropolis Downtown Core, is home to more than 22,000 species of flora. This activity includes a very low cost for children being 8 dollars and 15 dollars for adults. With this you have access to ten different themed parks. One of the must themed parks to visit is the tranquil bonsai trees in the Japanese Garden and learn about the principles of Yin and Yang. Take a stroll around the Chinese Garden which showcases designs from the 14th and 17th century. All outdoor gardens include a colorful alpine and rose garden. There is a lot to see, especially if you are visiting with kids, you won't want to miss out on one of the largest insect museums in North America with more than 250,000 of living organisms. It is easy and accessible to visit being located in northern Plateau Mont-Royal in Parc Maisonneuve.

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Parc du Mont-Royal

If you liked the Botanical Garden after paying a visit, you will definitely enjoy Parc du Mont-Royal. The park has very nice view with over 400 acres of the city's most stunning skyline views to offer. It is known as Montreal's best-known green space in the city. With more than five million visitors each year. Enjoy two of the most beautiful views of the city, the park contains two outlooks overlooking downtown Montreal. At the park, rent a rowboat or paddle boat during the summer. It is the perfect place for visitors, you can enjoy with the family.





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04 Montreal International Balloon Festival

Canada day is very fun, but there are also fun things to do whether you are staying in Montreal for a while or not. Might as well do the most you can, here are some other suggestions such as the Balloon festival that takes place throughout August 10 -18. Located in Saint Jean Sur Richelieu is the largest gathering of balloons in all of Canada. Imaging a sky full of hot air balloons, wouldn't want to miss out on that. It is the most family friendly activity in Quebec and a must attend summer event for visitors.

05 Montreal Color Run

Looking for something involving to do other than going to the International Balloon Festival? Then get involved in Montreal's Color run, that are always welcoming to participants. It is a very unique summer activity that takes place, this activity will be a unique experience that is not offered anywhere else. The distance of the race is anywhere between 1-5 km. The Color Run is a unique paint race that celebrates happiness, healthiness, individuality and giving back to the community. When participating, you must wear a white shirt and when you advance to the finish line you are plastered with color. The fun doesn't stop just there, after runners complete the race there is a fun Finish Festival to enjoy. The Finish Festival includes dancing, music and throwing colors, it is the most colorful party you will see.

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Canada Day

After having visited the Mont-Royal Parc and having relaxed there is still one more activity that awaits you. Come and join the celebration of the day that the nation was officially born, when the Constitution Act joined three provinces! It is a memorable celebration, join the parades that are held and most importantly the fireworks. The fireworks are displayed at several locations, it is up to you to choose which one you want to visit. Tourists love Canada day and come to visit each year because they enjoy an important day to celebrate.



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PARC JEAN-DRAPEAU MONTREAL

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Anastasia Dalakis





INTERVIEW WITH A TOURIST

By: Anastasia

For this interview, I decided on what better way to ask an authentic tourist themselves on what they think of Montreal and their thoughts and insights. I have decided to interview an individual named Raquel who visits Montreal every twice a year. I had the chance to sit down with Raquel and she has told me that when she first started visiting Montreal, she was very excited and it was overwhelming to her. Now after visiting so often she is more used to Montreal than she used to be. Here are some of the questions I have asked Raquel on Montreal as a tourist/visitor.

-RAQUEL

What is your favorite season to visit Montreal?

Out of all the seasons, my favorite stay was definitely the fall. The fall is my favorite season because the leaf's and trees look very gorgeous when they are different colors. It is ideal weather because it's not too hot or cold and the air is fresh. It is my favorite season because the weather I am used to is very warm. I came one time in the winter and I think it was too extreme for me, I was really not used to such cold weather, although the snow was very nice and looked pretty to me because it was something I hadn't seen before.

What did you first think of Montreal?

Well, when it was my first time in Montreal it was thirteen years ago and I was very overwhelmed and excited. I was mostly overwhelmed because it was so nice, all the buildings in downtown where huge and modern. It wasn't anything like I was used to, very different from where I am from. After a couple of days, I thought thought that Montreal was very clean and that the locals speak a lot of French.

Where was the first place you wanted to visit and was it what you expected to be?

The first place my family took me to visit was Old Montreal, they took me out for dinner. It was beautiful, it looked very European which I loved, I did not expect old Montreal to look that European and nice, because I had seen photos online, but it was definitely better in person. I loved how it was also near the water, it even had a boardwalk that I walked all the way down on. It was beyond my expectation, because Downtown had very new buildings compared to the old Montreal that has older buildings that are very well kept.



SEARCHING FOR THE RIGHT CLUB ON YOUR VACATION IN MONTREAL?

By: Tyrone

Come enjoy the nightlife, in the heart of Montreal. The downtown area has many late night activities to visit. If you love the thrill of house and techno music, then Stereo Nightclub on Saint Catherine Street is the place for you. Stereo's dance floor are outfitted with springs and shock absorbers for party animals to let loose. Le Rouge Bar is another amazing club that has been voted as one of Montreal's best nightclubs for over a decade. With two floors, Rouge serves up the city's hottest DJs in a relaxed atmosphere on Friday and Saturday nights. Located at Prince Arthur and Saint-Laurent, this club is always a good bet for a lively night out.

If either of these clubs aren't your cup of tea, you can always rely on New City Gas. Located on Ottawa St, near the Bonaventure metro station. New City Gas is housed in a complex that was originally built in 1859 for the purpose of transforming coal into gas for lighting the streets and buildings of Montreal. Today, the heritage building has been repurposed into a multi-purpose event and entertainment space that covers 40,000 square feet and two floors. New City Gas hosts a range of large events, including private functions to New Year's Eve parties. Every week, over 3,000 people head over to New City Gas to party to the tunes of internationally renowned DJs and artists.

After enjoying great music, why not head over to any of our fantastic pubs to enjoy a delicious poutine and a glass of beer. Hurley's Irish Pub on Rue Crescent, is a great place to visit. Established in 1993, Hurley's lies in the heart of Montreal. Offering live traditional music every night, 19 beers on tap, a selection of more than 50 single malts and 16 whiskeys and hearty fare. Hurley's laid-back atmosphere is a long-time favorite with locals and a destination for newcomers.

No matter what time of the year you visit Montreal, our nightlife will always be amazing. When it comes to partying Montreal is considered "trend-setting". Our city is vibrant and full of excitement, we attract attention from touring bands and DJs all around the world to come to our nightclubs. From underground dance clubs to comedy shows, there's something for everyone. With the large variety of clubs and bars in the downtown area, tourists and locals have plenty of options to choose from. To help filter the clubs, we interviewed party specialist and club promoter Jonathan Vocelle to get the inside scoop on what tourists should look for when searching for the right club on their vacation in Montreal.



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INTERVIEW WITH JONATHAN VOCELLE

MTL: Can you tell me about what you do?

Jonathan Vocelle: I'm a promoter for an array of clubs downtown, and I run a page that can get you in many more. Being a promoter isn't really a job, it's more of a side hustle. You can do it in many ways. Usually, you start out by being very present at the club. Either you always bring a crowd every week, or you do street promoting which consists of selling your guest list to passersby. That being said, you can always work from home and do online promoting. The most paying thing for promoters and clubs alike are birthdays since people tend to get tables. It's a fun thing to do if you know a lot of people and know how to move a crowd!

MTL: How would you describe the clubbing scene here in Montreal?

JV: You'll have a few niche clubs and then most of them are very mixed. In that sense, you can pick almost any club and your experience would be similar. I think the most important is to go with a large group of friends and be ready to move because you never really know how well you'll vibe with the people there that night.

MTL: From your experience, how do you choose the right club to go to?

JV: I just know. People like to test this, and I always end up being right. I know when something particular is happening downtown, and that's when you want to go. Like I said, most clubs offer mostly the same bland experience, so when there's something hot happening you want to jump on it.

MTL: Before you go, one last question I'd like to ask you; what are the clubs you'd list as 'must see' in the downtown area?

JV: There are many, and they might not all apply to you. École is definitely the Supreme of clubs. Expensive, in demand, and mostly for young people. Then, Rouge is pretty popular. I always say you can't go wrong with Rouge. It's my go-to when nothing else works. On St-Laurent, people also like Muzique, Apt. 200 and Tokyo although I wouldn't recommend the latter two. If you're French, La Petite Grenouille is your club. Somwhr is one of my personal favourites, the vibe is just right. It's situated in the Old Port, meaning it's mainly for people aged 25-30. Bord'elle and La Voûte are pretty popular Old Port clubs also. I work at Le Cinq and it's nice on Halloween, but that's about it. Another club that's worth mentioning is Circus After-hours. Definitely the most underrated club of all time. It's the biggest club downtown in terms of size, and as the name says, it's an after hour club - meaning you can go past 3 in the morning. If you go with a decently sized group of friends, I say you can't go wrong.

MTL: Thank you Jonathan for coming and participating in the interview.

JV: Thank you Tyrone for having me, it was a pleasure to be here.



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THE BEST AREAS TO STAY FOR NIGHTLIFE IN MONTREAL

By: Tyrone

Downtown Montreal: Being centrally located is always a good idea when it comes to exploring the nightlife scene in Montreal, because the downtown area offers easy access to many of the districts listed below—in addition to the lively array of restaurants, bars, and clubs (both dance and strip varieties) that can be found along the main stretch of Rue St. Catherine. Downtown, you'll also be able to see most of the city's seemingly countless festivals. If you want to be right at the heart of the action, downtown Montreal should definitely be your top choice.

Rue Crescent: If you're downtown, it's hard to miss Rue Crescent. It's alive with young people looking to have a good time among the many clubs and bars that line the street. This stretch is most suitable for revelers in their early 20s, especially undergraduate students or those who have ventured to the city in order to take advantage of Quebec's 18+ drinking age—among the lowest legal drinking ages in North America.

Old Montreal: Old Montreal is the city's historic district, which also puts it among the most popular tourist destinations. Among the cobblestone streets and historic architecture—with some structures dating as far back as the 17th century—you'll find a number of bars, elegant lounges, and upscale dining options. Some of the finest hotels in the city can also be found in Old Montreal, so it's a perfect place to stay if you want to have easy access to the downtown core while also enjoying a touch of sophistication.

The Plateau: The Plateau is another popular neighborhood to stay in during your visit to Montreal. It doesn't feature a wide variety of hotels, but you'll certainly find numerous hostel and Airbnb listings for this area. Bars, including sophisticated wine bars, pubs, and clubs, lie along major streets like Avenue Mont-Royal, Boulevard St. Laurent, and Rue St. Denis—which are conveniently within a few minutes' walking distance from one another.

Boulevard St. Laurent: Along with Rue Crescent, Boulevard St. Laurent is one of the main arteries for nightlife in Montreal. Many would vouch that it's the preferred stretch for clubs, especially those catering more to young professionals rather than undergraduate students and tourists. Aim for Airbnbs that are as close as possible to this vibrant boulevard in order to catch all the fun. Stick to the area that runs from around Rue Ontario up to Avenue Mont-Royal for the widest range of clubs, restaurants, and more.

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MONTREAL ART SCENE

Article By: Matthew Campbell

Montreal is known for its incredibly diverse art scene. Being a central hub for all different kinds of cultures around the world it has so many different art styles and themes clashing to create wonderful masterpieces. Montreal has been forever known by tourists and Montrealers alike that the art is extremely memorable and part of the beating heart of the city.

At Montreal fun time we did tons of research on the absolute best galleries and museums. The places where all the artists join together to see the most wonderful works of art. These works of art are hosted in Montreal's many different museums and galleries and we decided to take a look at some of the best ones to make exploring around town that extra bit more fun. The first gallery to take a look at is one that is all the rage with artists in the city. What was once an old cookie factory has been converted into a museum for modern art and the industrial atmosphere of just the place alone is out of this world. Parisian Laundry is located at 3550, Saint-Antoine West and has been around for close to 15 years now and is definitely worth taking a peek at.

If you ever need that amazing pop art and urban art setting, Station 16 has your back. Being hosted in "De Bellefeuille Gallery" in Westmount, Station 16 aims to impress everyone with its bright and vibrant colours emanating from the artwork. Station 16 is known for showcasing art by immigrants and minorities, so it's got a lot of variety and style.

One of the most interesting and positive galleries in downtown Montreal is "La Guilde". A non-profit historical gallery that features First Nations art, specifically Metis and Inuit artworks. Preserving history is extremely important, especially for those whose history is being white washed like the First Nations. It is the only major gallery in Montreal promoting First Nations art heavily so it's definitely worth a visit.

In Montreal's famous Golden Mile lies the "Galerie de l'île" which houses some of the most famous artwork from all around the world. Dating all the way back to 1934, the gallery is sure to please anyone who is in to art history or just learning about the city in general. Now to move on to big art museums next up we have the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts. This museum is the most well known in town. It boasts thousands of artworks as well as very amazing events that happen every couple of months. The biggest tourist attraction is the art tours that happen where every season there is a new special show of something.

The Contemporary Art Museum is another great museum that rivals the Museum of Fine Arts. Its permanent collection boasts a 7500 works of art being displayed. And on rotating visits has films

being played as well as performances and plays. These events rotate every season so there's always one showing depending on when you come and visit!

Our final big museum on the list is "Chateau Dufresne". It was created in the early 1900s and is a massive private mansion that hosts art from Montreal's history. It is currently one of the oldest museums in Canada and hosts works by famous Canadian artists as well as many historical works. The place itself is stunning being a big mansion with a beautiful garden in the front. We highly recommend this one as a place to visit as it will take your breath away. Now to move on to the underground art scene, Montreal has a massive number of underground galleries to brag about. These are places that don't get a lot of visitors because they aren't well known but we believe they should be visited because of how wonderful they are.

First up is Articule located in the Mile End. Articule focuses on the interdisciplinary art and encourages a social aspect twist to it. It gives a great opportunity for up and coming artists to host their stuff as they are very open to new people. Next is a great little place called "Optica" on avenue Gaspé. The building itself has been around for at least 50 years now and hosts unique exploratory and experimental artworks. Also, right near "Optica" is "Eastern Bloc" which is a massive warehouse that hosts tons of interdisciplinary art work.

In Old Port we have something very unique, an art café. "Café des Arts" serves excellent coffee with great dishes and is a gallery on top of everything. It is a perfect hangout spot for anyone interested in both the café atmosphere and galleries. Many customers have stated it has been the best café they have ever been to, with that kind of praise who wouldn't want to visit there? Another great underground art café is located in the mile end called "Arts Café". This Coffee house hosts very special events all year round and has décor to die for, we at Montreal Fun Time absolutely love it.

We hope we have now given you a lot of options to look for great art locations around the city. Doing research for this article we have found so many wonderful places to visit that we haven't even heard of before, visiting every one of them was an incredible treat. What's even more amazing is we haven't even scratched the surface of all of Montreal's wonderful local art scene. If you have found anything exceptional as an art gallery or museum that we haven't listed, please send us an email at montrealfuntime@gmail.com. We would love to check it out and share it on our magazine. Next time you're out, be sure to look over this article to find the best place for you and your friends to hang out in and bask in beautiful artworks.





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INTERVIEW WITH MONTREAL POET ROSS PARASKEVOPOLOUS

Interview By: Matthew Campbell

Hi my name is Matthew and I will be conducting this interview tonight. I am currently interviewing Ross Paraskevopoulos, he is a Montreal-born poet who has been published in a couple Montreal magazines such as Hindwing Press and The Plant newspaper. He is currently in communications at Concordia and is constantly excelling as a poet.

Matthew: Hi Ross its so great to talk with you!

Ross: Yes, it's wonderful! I'm so glad to finally chat.

Matthew: What kind of art do you do currently?

Ross: I mostly do poetry I really like playing around with words and how things sound.

M: Do you have a favorite poet?

R: My current favorite poet is John Ashbury

M: When did you start working seriously as a poet?

R: In 2015 when I first started working at Dawson College. But I really got interested in highschool about poetry in my English classes there.

M: You've been hosted in a couple poetry pieces published in magazines how do you feel about that?

R: Its exciting that people see my work as interesting and it's a great feeling for readers to connect with my works.

M: What's your favorite poem that you have written?

R: I don't know if I have one necessarily, but I really like my poem called Bob the Builder. I had a lot of fun writing it and I find it funny.

M: What would you say is a constant theme in your works?

R: I really like making poems about writing poems and creating weird poems that don't quite add up as an overall story. I really focus more on wordplay and an example of this would be writing things like "Allegro Al Dente" and creating absurd wordplay such as that.

M: What do you think of the Montreal art scene?

R: I think its very supportive because Montreal is generally artistic city and is open to a lot of new artforms.

M: What's one thing you want to improve on in your writing?

R: It's a cliché to say but you never stop learning. But if I had to really focus on one thing it would be imagery. I feel it could make my works much more interesting and engaging.

M: Thank you so much for coming to this interview, I can't wait to read more of your works.

R: It was a pleasure to be here, I'm currently working on two poetry works right now and I can't wait to see how they turn out.





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