



BECOME A PARTNER OF STATE OF EMERGENCY 2009 BY SUPPORTING THE BANQUET COCHON ORGANIZED BY MARTIN PICARD AND HIS GUEST CHEFS!

Dear friends and partners,

The arrival of Fall heralds the imminent return of State of Emergency, a symbolic refugee camp created by ATSA 11 years ago. You are cordially invited to join in the festive atmosphere of this "manifestival" held from November 25 to 29 at Montreal's Place Émilie-Gamelin under the patronage of actors Sylvie Moreau and François Papineau.

This year, **Martin Picard**, of Au Pied de Cochon fame and our loyal partner since 2003, joins **Moustafa Rougaibi** from La Colombe restaurant, Joe Beef chefs **David McMillan** and **Frédéric Morin**, and the entire **ATSA** team in encouraging you to support State of Emergency through its **Banquet Cochon**, an evening meal served to the homeless under a heated tent and taking place this coming Saturday, November 28.

For the past seven years, great Quebec chefs have been generously giving of their time and culinary talent to support this event which is unique in the world. This year once again, Martin Picard and his guests will concoct a five-course gastronomical banquet for nearly 200 underprivileged people. As in previous years, the banquet will be accompanied by a cabaret show featuring prestigious performers such as Catherine Major, Jérôme Minière, Guy Nantel and soprano Jacinthe Thibault. Through this exceptional taste and sensory experience, State of Emergency aims to give some members of the homeless community a memorable experience, as well as make the culinary arts accessible to people who, given their situation, are excluded from them. If every human being needs to feel special and appreciated, it is an all the more pressing need for them.

We invite you to actively participate in this ambitious undertaking by becoming a donor for this fabulous banquet, which is truly State of Emergency's highlight. Your participation in this special evening is crucial and will contribute to rewarding the work and efforts of our "privileged guests" and of the entire team who make this magic experience possible. **You can help ATSA by sponsoring a table for ten for \$500 (to which we will naturally add a place of honour for you) or by sponsoring one or more individual seats for \$50 each.**

Why not gather a group of friends or colleagues to sponsor a table together and present it in an elegant fashion? Perhaps you can offer a truly unique gift to someone in need?

The Banquet Cochon, like State of Emergency, is an event that promotes **encounters, sharing and selflessness** and that seeks to combat social exclusion by focusing on exchanges between equals. Your involvement is most important for the event's success. Indeed, we take great pleasure in sharing with you the **Prix Citoyen de la culture 2008** that State of Emergency received from community organization Les Arts et la Ville, an award which bolsters our convictions as artists engaged in the fight against social exclusion.

État d'Urgence is a totally **free** event. As the coldness of winter sets in, we distribute \$50,000 worth of warm clothes and serve three meals daily. A snack table is open around the clock as well as a health care clinic run by Médecins du monde. High-quality, multidisciplinary artistic programming allows everyone to come together in a peaceful, safe and festive environment. This gathering is possible thanks to support from the public, our numerous private-sector partners and a multitude of loyal sponsors.

We are proud to be able to rely on our 350-strong volunteers. Their collective work is proof that by pooling our efforts and talents we can achieve the extraordinary and bring **concrete** change to the lives of many. **We need your help to keep on making a difference, because the joyful smiles and hope-filled eyes of the people we reach out to are truly priceless.**

To help you better understand the true impact of your donation, we will invite each beneficiary of your contribution to write you a small personalized thank-you note, thereby acknowledging the human aspect of your gesture.

We are ready to receive your donation* right now: don't hesitate to contact us!

By cheque or cash: **ATSA**, 4430 Drolet, Montreal, Quebec H2W 2L8

By PayPal: Go to <http://www.atsa.qc.ca/projs/change/uk/don.html>– click on *Make a donation with PayPal*

Should you have any questions, feel free to contact us at 514-844-9830.

On behalf of the entire State of Emergency team and our partners, I thank you so much for your support!



Annie Roy, ATSA co-founder

* For a sum of **up to \$500**, make the cheque payable to ATSA and we will issue a receipt for provincial income tax purposes. For a sum of **\$500 or more**, make the cheque payable to CAM, and CAM will issue a receipt for federal income tax purposes; mention "ATSA-État d'Urgence 09" on the cheque.

