



ÉTAT D'URGENCE
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PLACE ÉMILIE-GAMELIN
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Free entry

Four great Quebec chefs concoct a feast for Montreal's homeless:
État d'Urgence presents the 5th edition of the *Banquet Cochon*

Montreal, October 3, 2007 – **Normand Laprise** from the restaurant *Toqué!*, **Martin Picard** from *Au Pied de Cochon*, **Moustafa Rougaibi** from *La Colombe* and **Elena Faita** of *Mezzaluna* will cook for street people next Saturday, November 24, starting at 6 P.M. at Montreal's Place Émilie-Gamelin. Thus, as part of *État d'Urgence 2007*, **200 people** living in poverty will have the opportunity to savour a gastronomical meal comprising five unique and original courses.

The admission charge for the **Banquet Cochon** is the symbolic sum of \$50, paid by donors who will give up their seat to a homeless person. It is also possible to sponsor an entire table for \$500, which grants the donor two seats at the Banquet. These sums go directly toward covering costs associated with staging the event, as all food served is generously donated by our four world-renowned chefs. For each donation or sponsorship of a table, the donor will receive a tax credit from Revenu Québec. It is truly a nice way to contribute to the success of the event. The menu as well as a list of surprise guests will be revealed in advance of the event, on ATSA's Web site.

"By offering this exceptional taste experience, *État d'Urgence* wishes to make the culinary arts accessible to the homeless, and to provide an unforgettable memory to people who, through the circumstances they find themselves in, are otherwise excluded," explains Annie Roy, co-founder and artistic director of ATSA.

État d'Urgence is a potent blend of social solidarity and creative expression, bringing together citizens of all backgrounds. It aims to fight social exclusion and break down stereotypes of poverty, using art as a driving force for unity and change. With the look and feel of a refugee camp right in the heart of Montreal—offering three meals a day, a snack at any time, donations of warm clothing, sleep accommodations for 150 street people and numerous other front-line services—this **environmentally responsible** event is made possible thanks to the support of numerous partners and sponsors as well as the generosity of some **250 volunteers**. More than **60 artists**, whose generosity and innovative approach are sure to provoke thought on the human condition and social cohesion, will await you.

Founded in 1997 by artists Pierre Allard and Annie Roy, ATSA creates urban interventions aimed at increasing citizen awareness and involvement in social, environmental and heritage issues.

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