



**ACTION TERRORISTE SOCIALEMENT ACCEPTABLE (ATSA)**

presents **ÉTAT D'URGENCE 09 (ÉU09)**

**THE MANIFESTIVAL THAT PROMOTES PROPER SOCIAL HYGIENE!**

**November 25 to 29, 2009 at Montreal's Place Émilie-Gamelin**

**Sylvie Moreau and François Papineau, associate artists**

Montreal, Tuesday, October 27, 2009 — For 11 years, ATSA has been producing the État d'Urgence "manifestival", which in 2008 received the **Artistes pour la paix** and **Citoyen de la Culture** awards. ÉU is an honest-to-goodness urban village located on Montreal's Place Émilie-Gamelin, one made possible through an impressive mobilization enabling to showcase over five days, around the clock, the issues of homelessness and social exclusion. The artistic programming is both eclectic and free, and serves as a catalyst for unprecedented social encounter.

The 11th edition of ÉU has as its spokespersons associate artists **Sylvie Moreau** and **François Papineau**, members of Momentum, a seminal collective in Quebec's cultural landscape. Just like Annie Roy and Pierre Allard, ATSA's co-founders, they are a committed couple in both life and art.

Running from **November 25 through 29**, ÉU offers the public artistic programming that is engaged, multidisciplinary and free, provided by artists local, national and international who share an interest in issues related to homelessness. The programming includes: **multidisciplinary and interactive shows, performances, socially engaged cinema under the stars or indoors, exhibitions, conferences and workshops**. There will also be off-site programming at the Cinéma ONF, the Bibliothèque et Archives nationales du Québec, and the Institut Goëthe.

**24 hours a day**, without pause, an army of volunteers with big hearts and numerous humanitarian organizations will welcome, in a festive and artistic environment, hundreds of street people, offering them **three meals a day**, an **all-day canteen**, **sleeping quarters open from 10 P.M. to 8 A.M.**, **front-line services**, **warm clothing**, and **lit braziers** in the heart of the square.

**ATSA invites all members of the public to sign up as volunteers today**, through its Web site or by telephone. Over 450 positions need to be filled for various tasks. ÉU cannot exist without direct citizen involvement, and volunteer work is a privileged way to experience and breathe life into this far-reaching event.

Once again this year, the **Banquet Cochon** will serve up a five-course gastronomic tour de force accompanied by a cabaret show to nearly 200 persons in need. In addition to providing those people with an unforgettable evening, the banquet helps finance ÉU. **For those wishing to make a donation** by sponsoring individual seats (\$50) or tables (\$500), donations can also be made on-line.

To support État d'Urgence, contact ATSA: [www.atsa.qc.ca](http://www.atsa.qc.ca) 514-844-9830

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