

ATSA at 10

This week marks the 10-year anniversary of ATSA's [Action Terroriste Socialement Acceptable] existence, and the organization, spawned by artists Annie Roy and Pierre Allard for the purpose of using "the aesthetics and symbolism of art as tools for effecting social change," will be celebrating in a host of ways, not the least being the grand opening of "a contemporary retail space" at 4351 St-Laurent called CHANGE.

"CHANGE will be open for 10 weeks", says ATSA co-founder Roy, "starting from our opening launch Thursday, Oct. 2, at 6 p.m. up until Wednesday, Dec. 20, and it will be a retrospective to show the public all the environmental and social projects we've been engaged in these past 10 years. A significant collection of objects, artifacts and archive photos, as well as a line of message-based tie-in merchandise, will be shown and sold there."

Also going down as part of the celebrations at CHANGE on Oct. 2 will be the unveiling of the organization's latest bilingual publication, "ATSA: When Art Takes Action," and a fair, "based on the theme of CHANGE," which will be taking place right across the street at Parc du Portugal.

For more information, go to www.atsa.qc.ca.

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