

Meet the homeless

While Montreal occupiers have been demonstrating their frustrations with the system since Oct. 15, ATSA (Action Terroriste Socialement Acceptable), an organization comprised of local artists Pierre Allard and Annie Roy, has been expressing theirs since 1998, through art. And although their annual "État d'urgence" has been retired, they're back this year, from Nov. 18-27, with Fin Novembre, a series of events meant to unite the general public with homeless people and the community organizations that work with them, at Berri Square.

"It's a welcoming way to meet the people of the street in a festive environment," says Roy. "The end of November is always a challenge; people aren't used to the cold weather. This is why it's nice to have the event outside, so you can experience what the homeless experience."

The event begins with the invitation to participate in a video entitled Quand En Aurez-Vous Assez!, a response to the gap between rich and poor. Roy wouldn't reveal details, but invites everyone to show up at 7 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 18 to find out. It will be followed by performances by Paul Cargnello, Ivy and more.

ATSA is currently still looking for volunteers to help out. To apply or for the full programming, visit atsa.qc.ca.

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