

LE PROGRAMME DES PRIX D'EXCELLENCE EN ARCHITECTURE SOULIGNE, DEPUIS 1978, LA CONTRIBUTION ESSENTIELLE DES ARCHITECTES QUÉBÉCOIS AU CADRE BÂTI. LES PRIX ACCORDÉS PAR L'ORDRE DES ARCHITECTES DU QUÉBEC PERMETTENT AINSI D'IDENTIFIER ET DE VALORISER LES MEILLEURES RÉALISATIONS ARCHITECTURALES AU QUÉBEC, AILLEURS AU CANADA ET DANS LE MONDE. LES PRIX ATTRIBUÉS NON SEULEMENT AUX ARCHITECTES, MAIS ÉGALEMENT À LEURS CLIENTS, CONTRIBUENT À METTRE EN VALEUR LA SYNERGIE NÉCESSAIRE À LA PRODUCTION D'ŒUVRES DE QUALITÉ.

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## THE ORDRE DES ARCHITECTES DU QUÉBEC UNVEILS THE FINALISTS FOR THE ARCHITECTURE AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE

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**Montreal, January 18, 2007** – The Quebec Order of Architects (OAQ) today revealed the 30 finalists in the 24th edition of the Architecture Awards of Excellence. This year's program once again includes the People's Choice Award – an invitation to the public to vote on the Internet for their *coup de cœur* project ([www.oaq.com](http://www.oaq.com)) from among those nominated. Activities also include an educational segment for Cycle 3 elementary school children and the public presentation of finalist projects during the *Architectural Marathon* to be held in Montreal on March 1, 2007 and in Quebec City on April 5, 2007.

From the 94 projects entered, 30 have been chosen as finalists in 12 categories. The jury did not choose a candidate in the "Events Architecture" or "Universal Accessibility" categories because very few projects were submitted. On June 7, 2007, the OAQ will announce the winning projects, the architects and their clients who will be proclaimed winners by the jury in each category and the People's Choice and Children's Choice Awards.

### QUEBEC ARCHITECTURE IS IN THE BEST OF HEALTH!

The jury for the Architecture Awards of Excellence 2006-2007, chaired by Mexican architect Bernardo Gómez-Pimienta, founder of the BGP Arquitectura firm, is made up of Dinu Bumbaru, policy director at Héritage Montréal and Secretary General of the International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS); Suzanne Bergeron, Quebec architect; François Séguin, stage designer (representing the public); Isabelle La Fontaine, architect and head of the buildings department of the University of Sherbrooke.

Jury members were unanimous in their opinions about the choice of finalists. Gómez-Pimienta was emphatic that, *"I very much enjoyed the honour of participating as chair of the jury for the Architecture Awards of Excellence of the Quebec Order of architects. The selection process was sometimes difficult given the high quality of the entrants. In all cases, we were unanimous in our choice of finalists and winners."* The jury chair also stated that the jury valued the overall quality of the projects submitted, which was expressed through the diversity of architectural models and imagination and the care taken in completing all the projects. *"It should not be forgotten that, behind all good projects, there is a good architect and a good client! The projects we have just seen attest to the fact that Quebec architecture is in the best of health. It also means that we must always be more critical and rigorous when looking at Quebec architecture,"* Gómez-Pimienta concluded.



## LIST OF FINALISTS IN THE 24<sup>TH</sup> EDITION OF THE ARCHITECTURE AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE

### FINALISTS IN THE CATEGORY OF INSTITUTIONAL PROJECTS

#### **CCIT\_ Communication, Culture and Information Technology Building (Ontario)**

Saucier + Perrotte, Architects

Client: University of Toronto at Mississauga, Ontario

#### **Centre des femmes de Montréal**

Nomade – Lauzon Pelland, Architects

Client: Fondation du Centre des femmes de Montréal

#### **New building of the Faculty of Music at McGill University (Montreal)**

Saucier + Perrotte, Architects | Menkès Shooner Dagenais, Architects

Client: Schulich School of Music of McGill University

#### **Poste frontalier d'Armstrong (Chaudière-Appalaches)**

St-Gelais Montminy + associés, Architects | Les architectes Bernard et Cloutier

Client: Public Works and Government Services Canada (PWGSC) and Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA)

*Also a finalist in the Sustainable Development category*

### FINALISTS IN THE CATEGORY OF CULTURAL PROJECTS

#### **Bibliothèque Jean-Gosselin et locaux culturels du quartier Charny**

[Chaudière-Appalaches]

Anne Carrier Architectes / Client: Ville de Lévis

#### **Centre communautaire Intergénérationnel d'Outremont [Montreal]**

Cardin, Ramirez et associés, Architects

Client: Ville de Montréal, arrondissement d'Outremont

#### **Théâtre du Vieux-Terrebonne (Lanaudière)**

Atelier T.A.G. - Manon Asselin, Architect | Jodoïn Lamarre Pratte et associés, Architects

Client: Société de développement culturel de Terrebonne

### FINALIST IN THE CATEGORY OF INDUSTRIAL PROJECTS

#### **Pavillon Gene H. Kruger de l'Université Laval [QUEBEC CITY]**

Gauthier, Galienne, Moisan, Architects / Client: Université Laval

### FINALISTS IN THE CATEGORY OF COMMERCIAL PROJECTS

#### **Adonis [Dollard-des-Ormeaux, Montreal]**

Boutros et Pratte, Architects

Client: Marché Adonis

#### **Le Casse-tête [Montreal]**

Architect and client: Rayside Architecte

#### **Siège social Hagen [Montreal]**

Rubin, Rotman, Architects / Client: Rolf C. Hagen Inc.

*Also a finalist in the Sustainable Development category*

### FINALISTS IN THE CATEGORY OF INTERIOR DESIGN PROJECTS

#### **McCarthy, Tétreault [Montreal]**

Lemay associés [architecture, design]

Client: McCarthy, Tétreault

#### **Nolin / BBDO Montréal**

Daoust Lestage inc. architecture, design urbain

Client: Nolin/BBDO Montréal

#### **Résidence Lalancette-Ruel [QUEBEC CITY]**

Architects and clients: Annie Lalancette, Architect, and Nelson Ruel, Architect

*Also a finalist for the Prix Marcel-Parizeau – project with a total cost of less than \$150,000*

FINALISTS IN THE CATEGORY OF SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL PROJECTS

**Chalet du chemin Brochu** [Estrie]

Architect and client: Pierre Morency, Architect

*Also a finalist for the Prix Marcel-Parizeau – project with a total cost of less than \$150,000*

**Le château de cartes** [Estrie]

YH2 – Yiacouvakis Hamelin, Architects

**Maison à St-Henri** [Montreal]

Architects and clients: Nadejda Topouzanov Architect and Vladimir Topouzanov Architect

**Résidence Les abouts** [Centre du Québec]

Pierre Thibault, Architect

FINALISTS IN THE CATEGORY OF MULTI-UNIT RESIDENTIAL PROJECT

**Coopérative d'habitation Au-pied-du-courant** [Montreal]

Brière, Gilbert + associés, Architects

Client: Coopérative d'habitation Au-pied-du-courant

**Les jardins du Y des femmes** [Montreal]

Atelier Big City – Randy Cohen, Anne Cormier and Howard Davies, Architects

Client: YMCA Montreal

**Loft Redpath – Phases II et III** [Montreal]

Cardinal Hardy et associés, Architects

Client: Compagnie Immobilière Gueymard et associés Ltée.

FINALISTS IN THE CATEGORY OF URBAN DESIGN PROJECT

**Aménagements bordant le chemin de la Côte-Des-Neiges** (débordement public) [Montreal]

Schème – Peter Soland, Architect / Client: Ville de Montréal (Service de la mise en valeur du territoire et du patrimoine, Direction des grands projets)

**Passerelle de la Rivière St-Charles** [Quebec City]

Croft, Pelletier, Architects

Client: Ville de Québec

FINALISTS IN THE CATEGORY OF ARCHITECTURAL RECYCLING/CONVERSION PROJECT

**Bureau de Québec de ABCP – Architecture et Urbanisme**

Architect and client: ABCP Architecture et Urbanisme

**Maison de la Culture Maisonneuve** [Montreal]

FABG – Les architectes Faucher Aubertin Brodeur Gauthier

Client: Ville de Montréal (Direction des immeubles)

FINALISTS IN THE CATEGORY OF HERITAGE CONSERVATION/RESTORATION PROJECTS

**Cour d'appel du Québec** [Montreal]

Lemay associés, [architecture, design] / Client: Société immobilière du Québec

**Pavillon du Lac-aux-Castors (restauration)** [Montreal]

Réal Paul, Architect | Pierina Saia, Architect

Client: Ville de Montréal (Service de la mise en valeur du territoire et du patrimoine, Direction des immeubles, division de la gestion immobilière – services corporatifs)

FINALISTS FOR THE PRIX MARCEL-PARIZEAU – PROJECTS WITH A TOTAL COST OF LESS THAN \$150,000

**Chalet du chemin Brochu** [Estrie]

Pierre Morency, Architect

*Also a finalist in the Single-Family Residential Project category*

**Résidence de l'avenue Laval** [Montreal]

Blouin, Tardif, Architects

**Résidence Lalancette-Ruel** [Quebec City]

Architects and clients: Annie Lalancette, Architect, and Nelson Ruel, Architect

*Also a finalist in the Interior Design Project category*

FINALISTS FOR HONOURABLE MENTION IN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

**Camp musical CAMMAC (reconstruction)** [Laurentides]

Box architectures – Patricia Sarrazin-Sullivan, Architect

Bosses Design – Donald Potvin, Architect

Client: CAMMAC

**Pavillons Lassonde de l'École polytechnique de Montréal** [Montreal]

Saia Barbarese Topouzanov | Desnoyers Mercure et associés, Architects |

Menkès Shooner Dagenais Letourneux, Architects

Client: École polytechnique de Montréal

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Clients: Public Works and Government Services Canada (PWGSC) and Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA)

*Also a finalist in the Institutional Projects category*

**Siège social Hagen** [Montreal]

Rubin, Rotman, Architects / Client: Rolf C. Hagen Inc.

*Also a finalist in the Commercial Projects category*

## **MANY VOTES, ONE WINNER!**

Between February 1 and April 30, 2007, the public is invited to vote for their favourite project on the Order of architects (OAQ) Web site ([www.oaq.com](http://www.oaq.com)) in the *Prix d'excellence en architecture* section. This electronic ballot box will allow surfers from around the world to decide on the People's Choice Award from among the 30 finalists. For those who want to find out more, the OAQ has planned presentations of the nominated projects, hosted by the architects themselves. These presentation meetings, entitled *Architectural Marathons*, will take place on March 1, 2007 at 4:00 p.m. at the Canadian Centre for Architecture in Montreal, and on April 5, 2007 at 4:00 p.m. in Quebec City (location to be determined). There is no entry fee, but you must reserve a place by registering on the OAQ's Web site.

## **THE CHILDREN'S CHOICE**

The Children's Choice is an important educational program that was launched as a pilot project in 2003 and then fully integrated into the OAQ's Architecture Awards program during the 23<sup>rd</sup> edition. And it's really growing in popularity! The program was an initiative organized by the OAQ and carried out in close co-operation with architects in many regions of Quebec, and with the support of public and private partners. This year, it has been implemented in five schools: école Nouvelle Querbes in Montreal, école Saint-Roch in Quebec City, école Saint-Sacrement in Trois-Rivières, école du Grand-Boisé in Chelsea and école Marguerite-Belley in Jonquière. Since the beginning of the 2006–2007 school year, more than 50 Cycle 3 elementary children from these five schools have had unique and enriching experiences that have allowed them to develop their critical sense when viewing the architecture that surrounds them. They have had opportunities to do research, analyze, express their opinions and share their knowledge with their friends and family. The overall experience gives them a chance to understand the importance of the quality of their urban environment and makes them aware of the values and objectives of sustainable development and universal accessibility. The Quebec Order of Architects hopes to see this program's foundations spread to other schools in Quebec so that architecture becomes an integral part of elementary and secondary school teaching.

### **ANNOUNCEMENT OF WINNERS**

The winners of the Awards of Excellence, honourable mentions for universal accessibility and sustainable development, People's Choice and Children's Choice Awards will be revealed during a press conference on Thursday, June 7, 2007. A number of festivities will follow in the fall of 2007 at each of the winning locations, where trophies will be presented to the winners, so that a great many people can come to appreciate the quality of the architecture on sites. The Order of Architects hopes that this series of festive events on an architectural theme will spread a province-wide message about the influence and importance of architecture in all geographic and cultural spheres.

### **PARTNERS IN EXCELLENCE**

For 29 years now, the Order of Architects has been organizing the Architecture Awards of Excellence, a competition that aims to give value to architectural achievement and represents the excellence of the work of Quebec architects, in Quebec and elsewhere.

The program is carried out in partnership with **NOVUS**, designer and manufacturer of commercial and institutional architectural lighting, who's been serving architects and designers for nearly 30 years. A number of partners are also associated with each segment of the program:

**Partners in public and cultural events:** TD Meloche Monnex; Murox; Sico; Financière Sun Life; Ministère de la Culture et des Communications du Québec. **Official Media:** the newspaper *Les Affaires*. **Partners in the People's Choice:** Loto-Québec, with the co-operation of TD Meloche Monnex. **Partners in the honourable mentions for sustainable development and universal accessibility:** Hydro-Québec, Office des personnes handicapées du Québec. **Partners in the Children's Choice:** Conseil des arts du Canada; TD Meloche Monnex; Financière Sun Life; Hydro-Québec; Nylene Canada (NATIQ carpet fibres); Recyc-Québec. **Partners in the award presentation ceremonies:** TD Meloche Monnex; Groupe Ameublement FOCUS, Groupe Conseil SD, Les avocats Joli-Cœur, Lacasse, Geoffrion, Jetté, St-Pierre; Les Consultants SM; Murox; Soprema. **Collaborators:** Centre Canadien d'Architecture; Hôtel Gault; MP Reproductions, Design Montréal.

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