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MARIONNETTES EN VITRINES !

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DU 12 FÉVRIER AU 12 MARS 2024

MARIONNETTES EN VITRINES! MASTER AND MENTEES

*Walkabout exhibit for the whole family
In Outremont borough shop windows*

Montréal, February 8, 2024 – Every spring since 2012, the **MARIONNETTES EN VITRINES!** walkabout exhibit turns Outremont borough shop windows into charming art galleries. From **February 12 to March 12, 2024**, the exhibit is back as part of the 19th edition of Festival international de Casteliers.

This year, **MASTER AND MENTEES** are in the spotlight, as we celebrate not only the works of Montréal puppeteer, set designer and director Patrick Martel, but also those of his graduate students from UQAM's contemporary puppet theatre program, and the up-and-coming Québec artists from Véronique Lespérance's classes at Collège Notre-Dame.

"I've been lucky enough to have been in contact with the inspiring imaginations of puppeteers who came before me, and to be able to learn from their experience," says Patrick Martel. "I'm also lucky enough to be working with a new generation of puppetry artists, who I can share the fruits of my own experience with. And I can learn from them, from the freshness of their vision, from their sensitivity. The inspiration is mutual. It's really all these encounters that feed the pleasure I get from doing this job."

More than fifty magnificent puppets by Patrick Martel and some fifty puppets created by up-and-coming artists will be on display in shop windows on Van Horne, Bernard, and du Parc avenues. There will also be puppets presented at Théâtre Outremont and the Maison internationale des arts de la marionnette (MIAM).

Patrick Martel has created puppets of all kinds for several theatrical productions and television series. He has worked with many companies, including the **Cirque du Soleil**, **Cirque Éloïze**, **Just for laughs**, and Atlanta's **Center for Puppetry Arts**. With **4D Arts (Lemieux/Pilon)**, he was the puppeteer, choreographer, and puppet designer for **Cité Mémoire**, a permanent urban video installation in Montréal.

For 25 years, he worked with the **Théâtre de l'Avant-Pays** on over a dozen productions as a puppet designer, performer, or stage director. In 2004, he received a special mention from the **Arlyn Award Society** for *À nous deux!*, one of the company's landmark productions.

He teaches at the **Université du Québec à Montréal**, in the bachelor's and graduate programs in contemporary puppet theatre (DESS).

He has designed puppets for and performed in **Kid Koala's** *Nufonia Must Fall* and *The Storyville Mosquito*, whose world tours are still underway.

With the **Cirque du Soleil**, he was a coach and the designer of all the puppets for the show *Toruk – The First Flight*, including the giant puppet for the title character.

Patrick Martel is also the costume designer for the television series, *Chanteurs masqués*, produced by **Productions Déferlantes** and aired on TVA and TVA+.

Guided tour of **Marionnettes en vitrines! Master and Mentees** with curator Pavla Mano

Saturday, February 17, 2024 @ 1:30 p.m. **Departure and arrival:** MIAM
Sunday, March 10, 2024 @ 1:30 p.m. **Departure and arrival:** Théâtre Outremont
Running time: 1 h | Free!

Participating shop windows

Maison internationale des arts de la marionnette (MIAM) – Théâtre Outremont – Amango Cacao – Yannick fromagerie – Caisse Desjardins des Versants du mont Royal – Mission Santé – Boutique Citrouille – Iris – Librairie du Square – La boutique du fleuriste – Home Hardware – Nettoyeur et cordonnerie Outremont – Centre thérapeutique Mince Alors! – Coiffure Alicia – Ongles GG – Ilion – Boutique scolaire Lycée – Boutique TOUT TERRAIN – Nettoyeur Vert et Centre de Couture – Restaurant Doan – Lescurier – Fleuriste Gala – RBC – De Bons Petits Plats – Groupe Avis Budget – Caffè della pace

The **MARIONNETTES EN VITRINES! MASTER AND MENTEES** is presented by **REALTA**, as part of the 19th edition of Festival international de Casteliers, which runs from March 6 to 10 and features performances by artists from Québec, Canada, the United States, France, Belgium, Finland, and South Korea.

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