

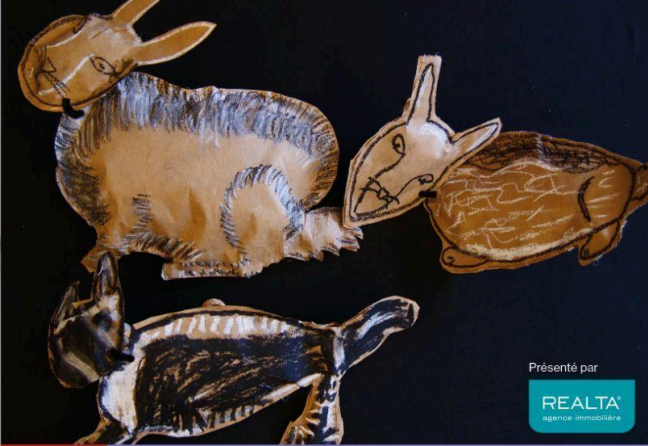


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MARIONNETTES EN VITRINES! URBAN WILDLIFE

February 16 to March 16, 2025

Montréal, February 15, 2025 — To celebrate Festival international de Casteliers' 20th anniversary (**March 3 to 9, 2025**), the *Marionnettes en vitrines!* walkabout exhibition showcases the creativity of the entire community. The exhibition will run from **February 16 to March 16, 2025**, in some thirty shop windows on Van Horne, Laurier, Bernard, and du Parc avenues. Puppets will also be on display at Théâtre Outremont, the Robert-Bourassa library, and the Maison internationale des arts de la marionnette (MIAM).

With **URBAN WILDLIFE** as the main focus, hundreds of primary and secondary school pupils from across the city, as well as families taking part in *Marionnettes Café* workshops, have crafted a series of puppets and masks of creatures that live in the city. Made entirely from raw or natural materials, in shades of beige, black and white, the puppets make up an impressive *camaïeu* mosaic of inventiveness and personality! The workshops were developed by Magali Chouinard and led by puppeteers Maggie Winston, Kristina Troske, Flavia Hevia, Céline Chevrier, and Pavla Mano.

Animals specially made for the Biodôme | Espace pour la vie by professional puppeteers with designer Christine Plouffe will join this impressive bestiary of insects, birds, and mammals.

Urban Wildlife Parade

In keeping with the animal theme, a community parade will mark the end of the 20th Festival international de Casteliers, on Sunday, March 9 at 1:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to join in the parade, from Théâtre Outremont to the Maison internationale des arts de la marionnette (MIAM)! Puppets, musicians, maple taffy, and hot chocolate will be there to greet you!

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Comme join in the fun! Come see the creatures!

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Guided tour of **Marionnettes en vitrines! URBAN WILDLIFE** with exhibition curator Pavla Mano and community outreach coordinator Lynne cooper.

Monday, March 3, 2025 at 3 p.m. & 6:30 p.m. – Departure and arrival from Théâtre Outremont

Saturday, March 8, 2025 at 3 p.m. – Departure and arrival from Théâtre Outremont

Running time: 45 minutes | Free!

The **MARIONNETTES EN VITRINES! URBAN WILDLIFE** walkabout exhibition is presented by **REALTA** as part of the 20th Festival international de Casteliers, which runs from **March 3 to 9, 2025** and features shows by artists from Québec, Canada, the United States, France, Belgium, and Czechia.

Participating schools

École Lajoie, Edinburgh Elementary School, Akiva School, Collège Sainte-Anne | Buissonnière, École Madeleine-de-Verchères, Polyvalente Saint-Jérôme, École secondaire PGLO, École secondaire Pierre-Laporte, École secondaire du Coteau (Mascouche) et Trafalgar School for Girls.

Participating shop windows

Yannick fromagerie — Caisse Desjardins des Versants du mont Royal — Mission Santé — Boutique Citrouille — Iris — Librairie du Square — La boutique du fleuriste — Quincaillerie Home Hardware — Nettoyeur et cordonnerie d'Outremont — Centre thérapeutique Mince Alors! — Ongles GG — Ilion — Boutique scolaire Lycée — Boutique TOUT TERRAIN — Café DAX — Nettoyeur Vert et Centre de couture — Pâtisserie Alex Platel — Fleuriste Gala — RBC — De Bons Petits Plats — Cycles Régis — Groupe Avis Budget — Caffè della Pace — Pâtisserie Méliot — Les dentistes d'Outremont — La Belle Boutique — Gourmet Laurier — Nuance du monde — Maison internationale des arts de la marionnette (MIAM) — Théâtre Outremont — Bibliothèque Robert-Bourassa.

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