

Women Playwrights International Conference

Montreal 2021

1. Welcome to Canada



Canada, eh?

MEANWHILE IN CANADA...



Maple Syrup



Hockey Players



Winter

**LEAVING YOUR WINDOW
OPEN IN CANADA.**



Mounties



Igloos



Canadian Jokes

Q: How do you get a Canadian to apologize?

A: Step on their foot.

Q: How do you get 50 Canadians out of a swimming pool?

A: You say “Please get out of the swimming pool.”

Q: Why did the Canadian cross the road?

A: He saw some American do it on TV.

Q: What are the 2 seasons in Canada?

A: Winter and July

Q: How many Canadians does it take to change a light bulb?

A: None. They don't change light bulbs; they try to accept them the way they are.

Canada Facts

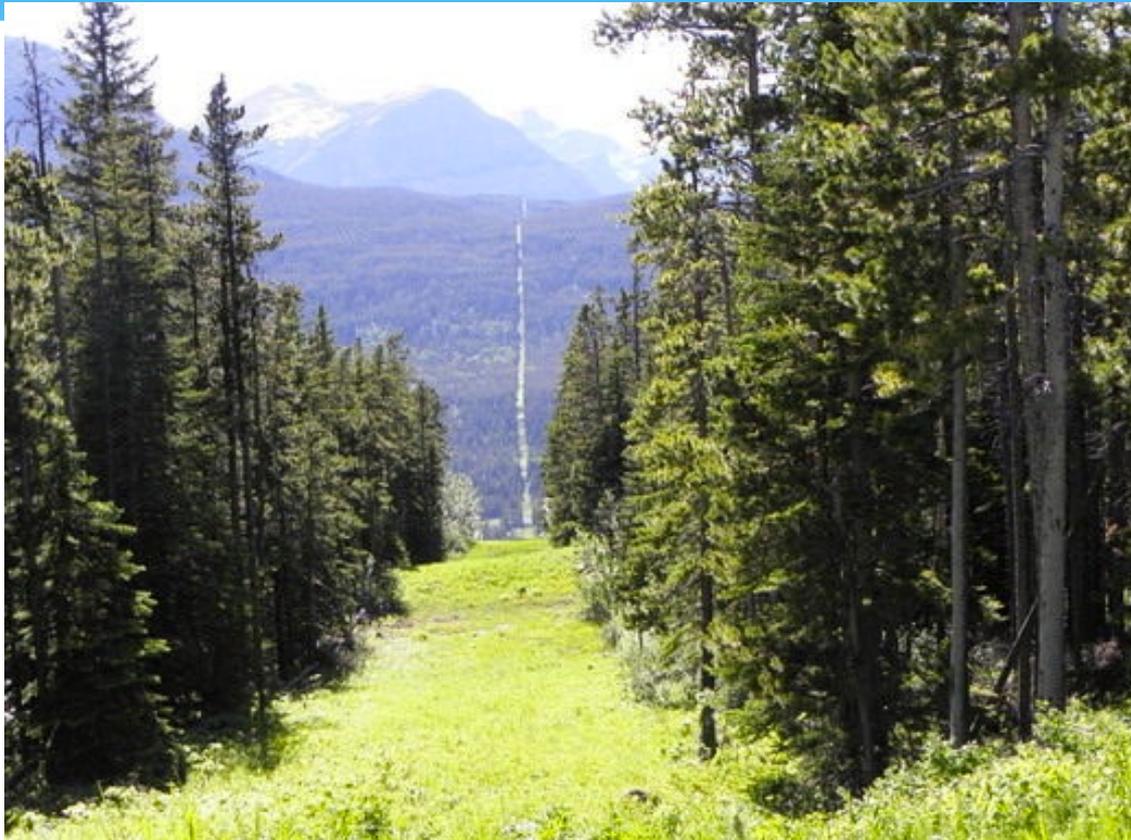


2nd Biggest Country in the World

- 3 Oceans
- 6 time zones



Longest binational undefended land border in the world...



- * The vast majority of Canadians live within 200 km of this border with the United States.

35 million people in Canada

- * 60% speak English as a mother tongue
- * 20% speak French
- * 20 % other languages
- * 17.5% speak both French and English



Immigration

- * Canada accepts 300,000 immigrants a year...
- * The highest per capita of the world
- * 1/5 Canadians are born outside Canada



First Nations, Inuit & Métis



634 First Nations Communities



... over 60 different languages

Nunavut: The only Indigenous self-run Territory in the World



Education

- * Over 50% of Canadians are university educated



40% of the land is covered in forest



2 million lakes: 20% of the world's
freshwater



Locals



Most donut shops per capita



34% of Canadians will be obese by 2025

CANADIAN INVENTIONS

HAWAIIAN PIZZA



PEANUT BUTTER



GAMES

BASKETBALL



TRIVIAL PURSUIT



HEALING THE WORLD

INSULIN



GREENPEACE

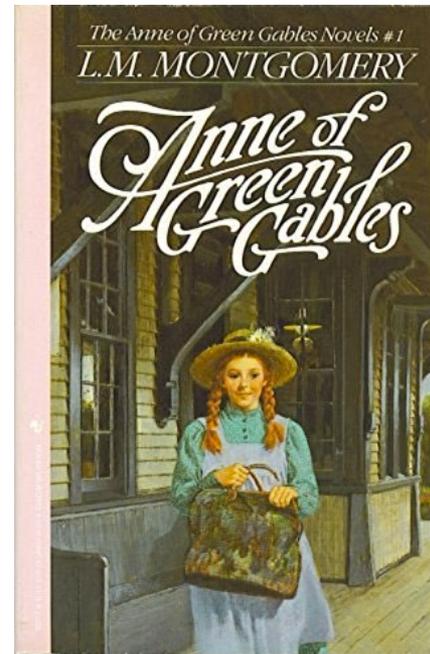


Also from Canada: Authors

Margaret Atwood



Lucy Maud Montgomery

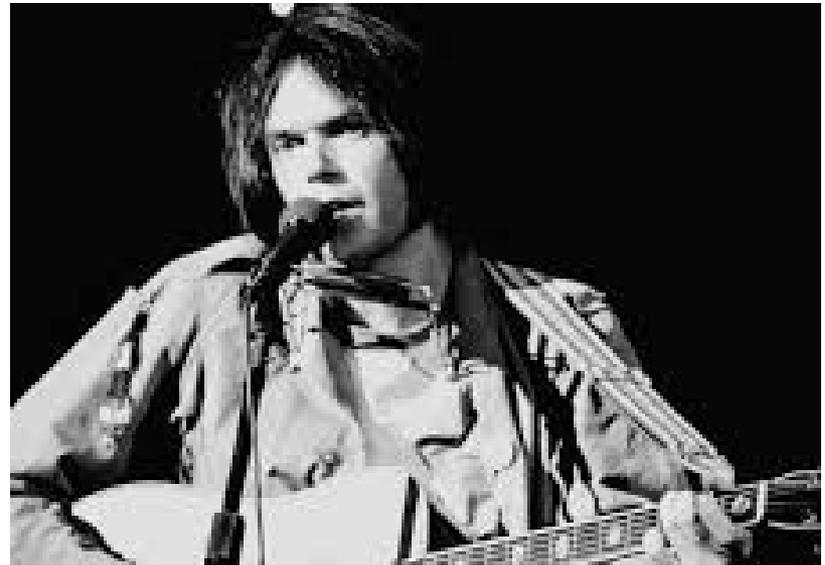


Artists

Leonard Cohen



Neil Young



Artists

Joni Mitchell



Celine Dion

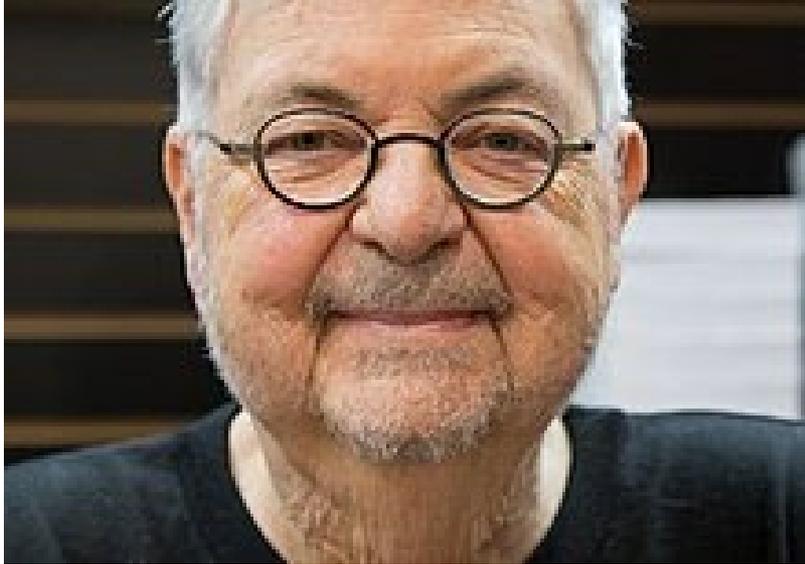


Artists



Playwrights

Michel Tremblay



Judith Thompson

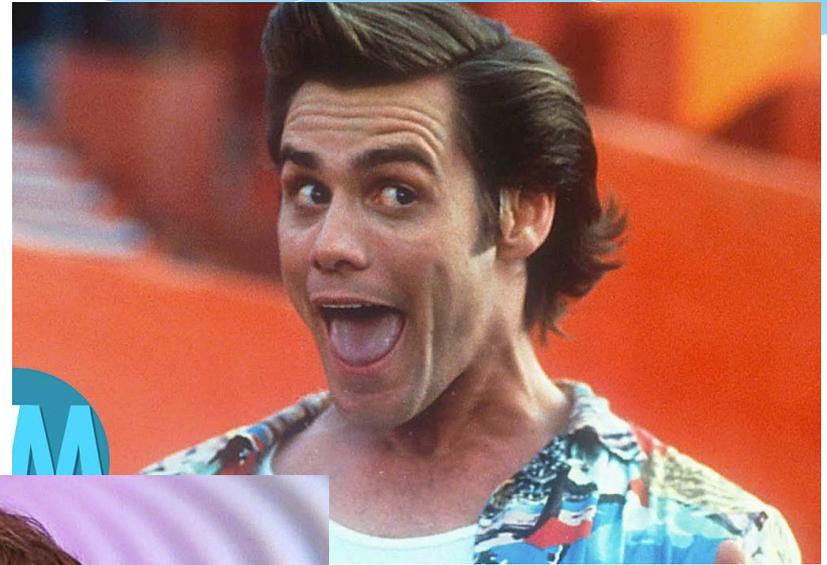


Actors

WILLIAM SHATNER



Jim Carrey



Actresses

Rachel McAdams



Ellen Page



Directors

Robert Lepage



Xavier Dolan



Sarah Polley



Denis Villeneuve



Ryans

RYAN GOSLING



RYAN REYNOLDS



And so many more...



Facts We'd Rather Not Talk About.... From History

200 years of Slavery

TO BE SOLD,

A Stout, healthy NEGRO MAN, about 28 years of age, is an excellent Cook, and very fit for working on a Farm. Enquire of the
PRINTER. — Montreal, 1st April, 1789.

LE Sieur *François Xavier Bender*, Ecuyer, ayant acquis par contrat passé devant le sousigné, le 12 Mars, 1789, de Dame *Marie Magdelaine Deniverville*, Epouse de Sieur *Frederick Herbin*, Ecuyer, une Maison & Emplacement sise en cette ville, rue Notre-Dame, vis-à-vis les R. R. P. P. Recollets; tous ceux qui ont quelque droit par hypothèque, servitude ou autrement, sont priés d'en donner avis au sousigné d'ici à la fin de May prochain, passé lequel tems on se prévendra du présent avertissement,
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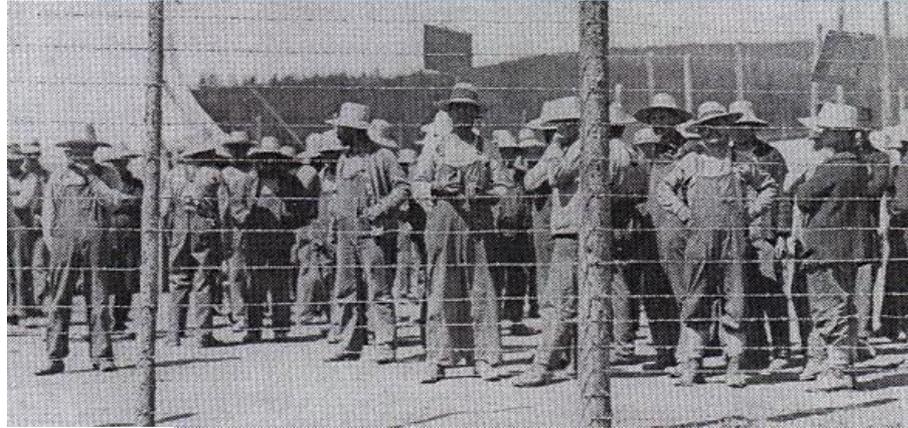
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Shelburne Riots, 1784



Internment Camps

- * Japanese
- * Italian
- * Ukrainian



Residential Schools:



Cultural Genocide

- * 150,000 children were taken from their families and subjected to mistreatment, abuse, terrible conditions, forced labor, to “take the Indian out of the child”



Thomas Moore before and after his entrance into the Regina Indian Residential School in Saskatchewan in 1874.

The Commission on Truth and Reconciliation estimates that 6000 children may have died in children died in residential schools

- * In August, more than 50 children's unmarked graves found in Manitoba beneath RV park.



The last one closed in 1996

The Legacy of Canada's Residential Schools

Odds of **dying** for
**children in Indian
residential schools:**

1 **in** **25**

Odds of **dying** for
Canadians serving
in **WWII:**

1 **in** **26**

There's a lot of work to be done.

- * 1 woman is killed every six days by an intimate partner– Indigenous Women are killed at 6 times the rate of non-indigenous women
- * A few years ago, the government heeded the persistent call for an inquiry into missing and murdered Indigenous women
- * Indigenous youth are overrepresented in the Criminal Justice system; representing nearly half of incarcerated young people
- * Approximately 25% of on-reserve water treatment systems pose a high health risk.
- * • One in four children in First Nation communities live in poverty. That's almost double the national average. (2011)
- * • Suicide rates among First Nation youth are five to seven times higher than other young non-Aboriginal Canadians. (2011)

- * 28% of visible minority women live in poverty
- * 33% of women with disabilities live in poverty
- * 16% of single senior women live in poverty
- * Although Canada's federal cabinet is now evenly split between men and women, only 27% of the seats in the House of Commons belong to women.¹
- * Just 8.5% of the highest-paid positions in Canada's top 100 listed companies are held by women.³
- * 5% of sexual assaults were reported to police in 2014.
- * Women make 75 cents for every dollar a man makes
- * The wage gap widens for women who are Indigenous, living with a disability, POC, or newcomers.

But there's a lot we're grateful for:

- * First country in Western hemisphere to legalize same-sex marriage
- * Abortion legal since 1969
- * Death penalty abolished 1976
- * Universal Health Care established 1968

CANADA: A Work in Progress

- * In our streets
- * In our courts
- * In our hearts



And on our stages...



MontreALL Diverse City Commons

May 18 & 19, 2018

at the Monument National – Le Café
1182 boul. St-Laurent, Montreal, QC

ANGÉLIQUE

BY
LORENA GALE
DIRECTED BY
MIKE PAYETTE



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Indigenous Land



A brief history of Montreal

- * Hochelaga was established at the foot of Mount Royal by the Iroquoians in the 13th century.
- * 1535, Jacques Cartier arrives and names the mountain mount royal.
- * 1642: Paul de Chomedey, Sieur de Maison- neuve, and Jeanne Mance found Ville-Marie as a military and trading centre

1535- Jacques Cartier

Jacques Cartier (1535-1536)

→ : the explorer's route

Sept-Îles: sites acknowledged by the explorer

Stadaconé: Amerindian villages

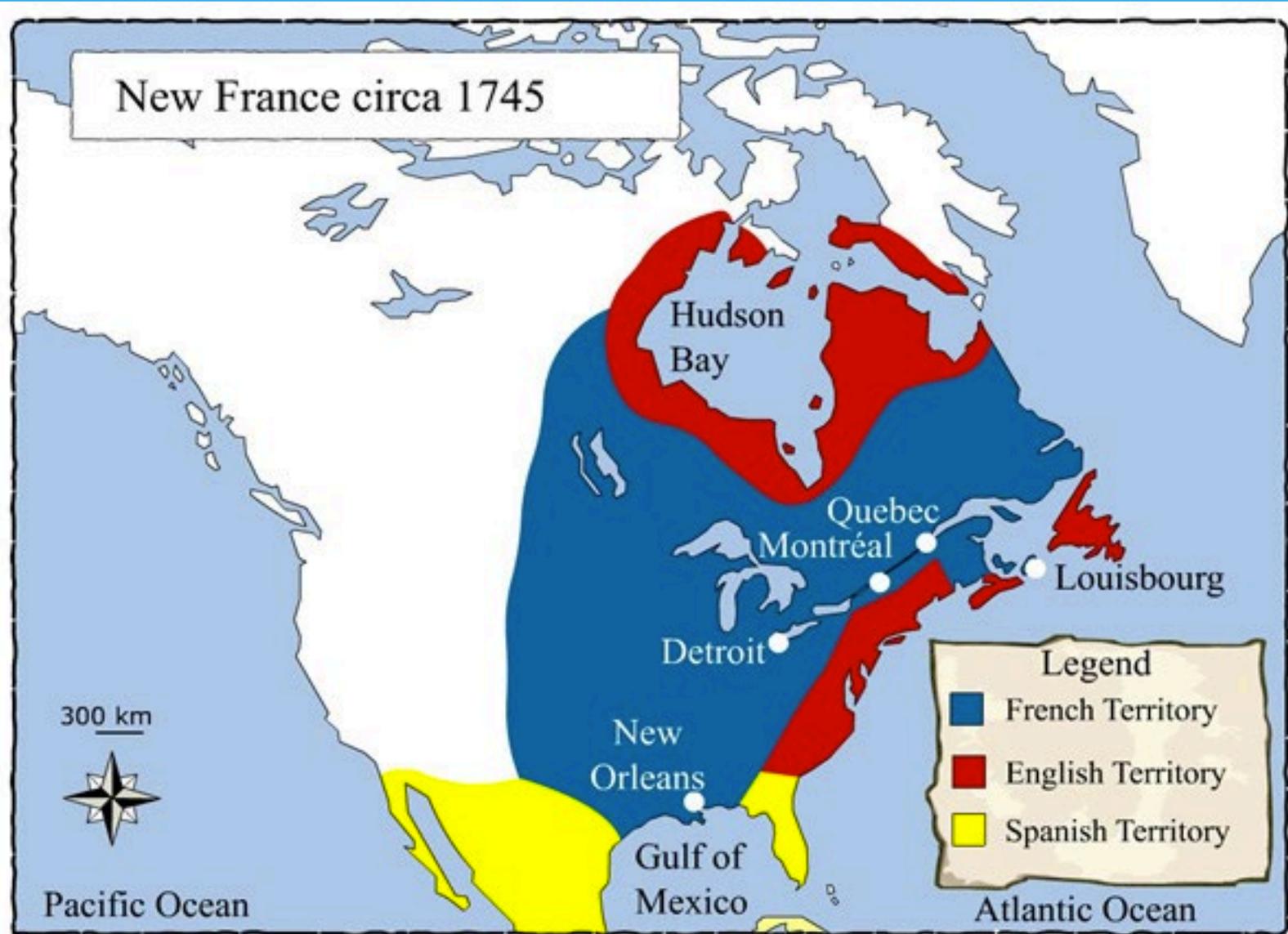
Québec: future towns



1642: Chomedey & Jeanne Mance



New France



1760: Battle of the Plains of Abraham



1763: Province of Quebec



1867: Confederation



Roaring 20s



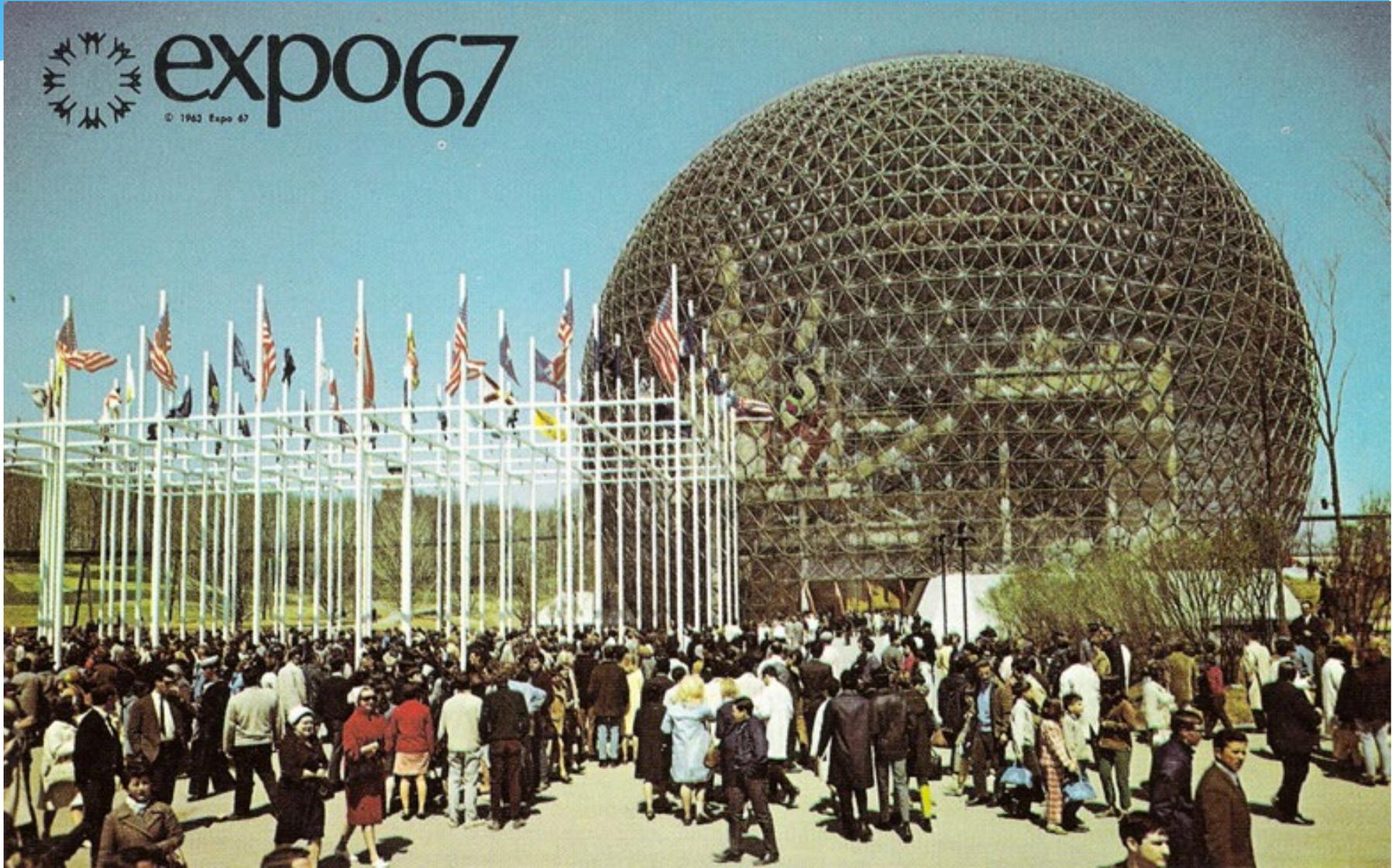
1960s.: The Quiet Revolution



Expo 67



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John & Yoko



1970 October Crisis



1976 Olympics

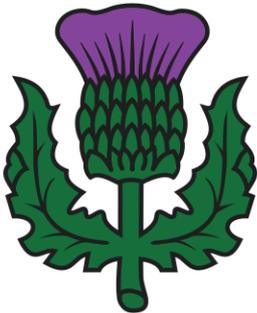
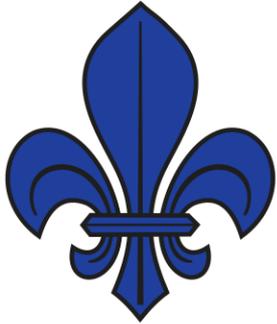


1995: Referendum

50.6% voted no against separation.



2017: a new flag



Montreal Today



Mount Royal



Beaver Lake



Lookout



Tam Tams



Jean-Talon Market



Basilica



Botanical Gardens



Mile End



Old Montreal



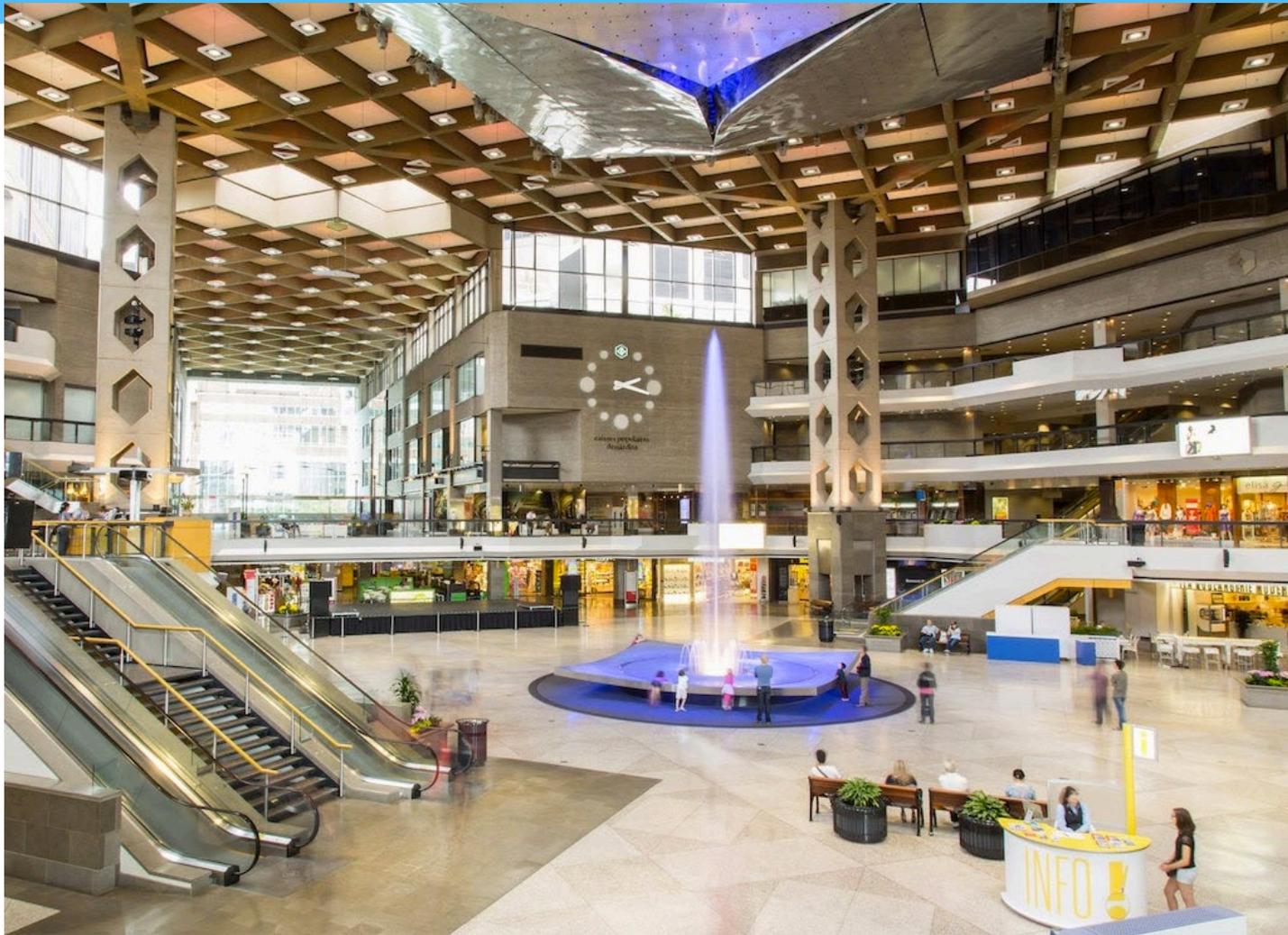
The LGBTQA+ Village



Habitat 67



Underground City



Food!!!



Tech



ASSASSIN'S CREED™



Cirque du Soleil



Festival Transameriques

Dance
+ Theatre



The
festival
springs
from
may
25
to
june
8
2017

Mural Festival



Nuits D'Afrique



Francofolies



Just for Laughs



Montreal Fringe Festival



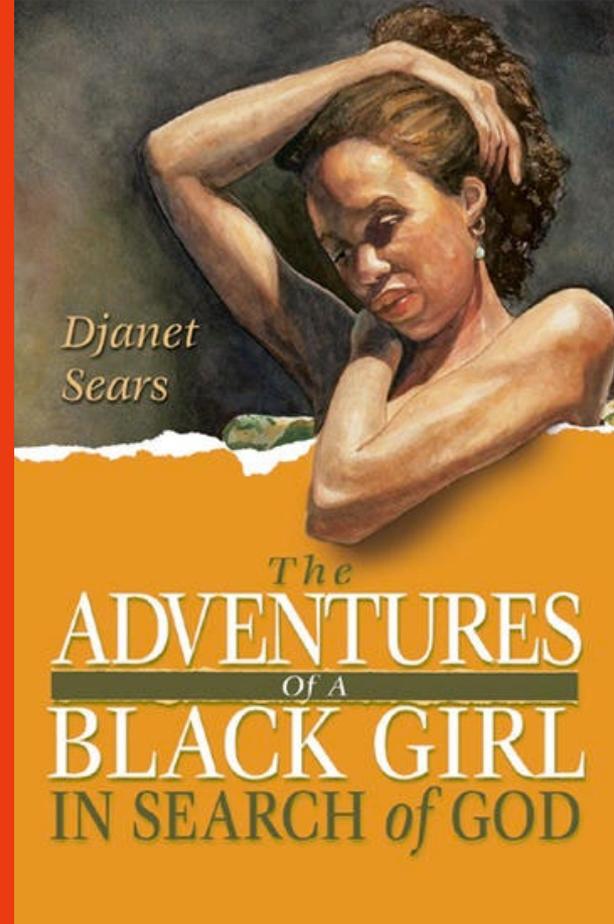
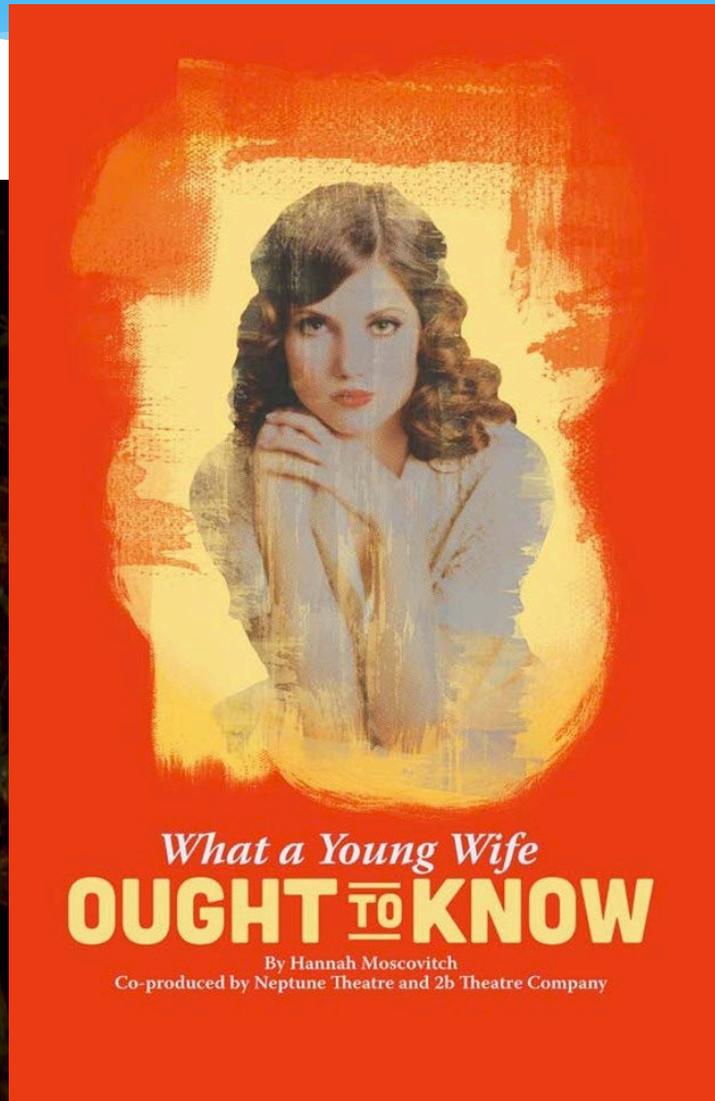
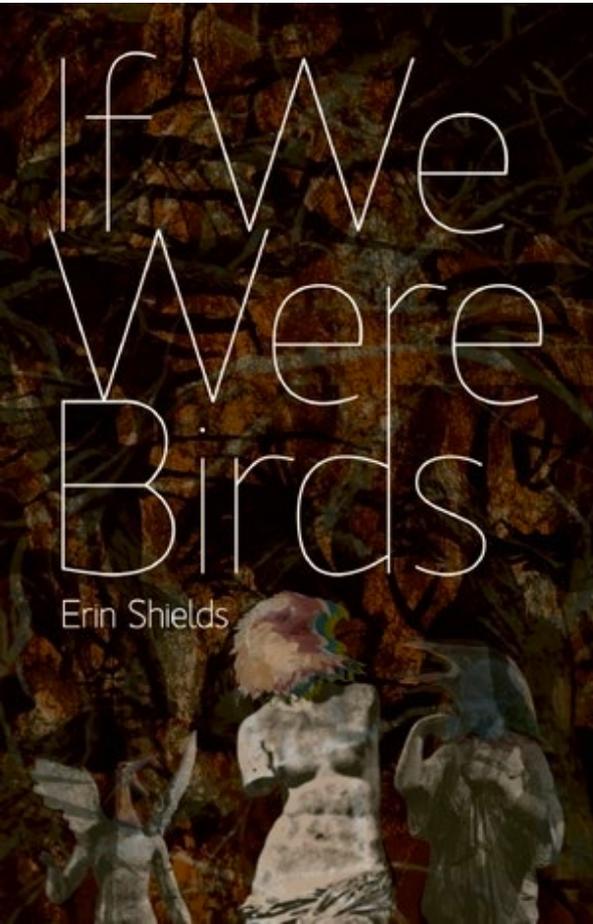
Jazz Festival



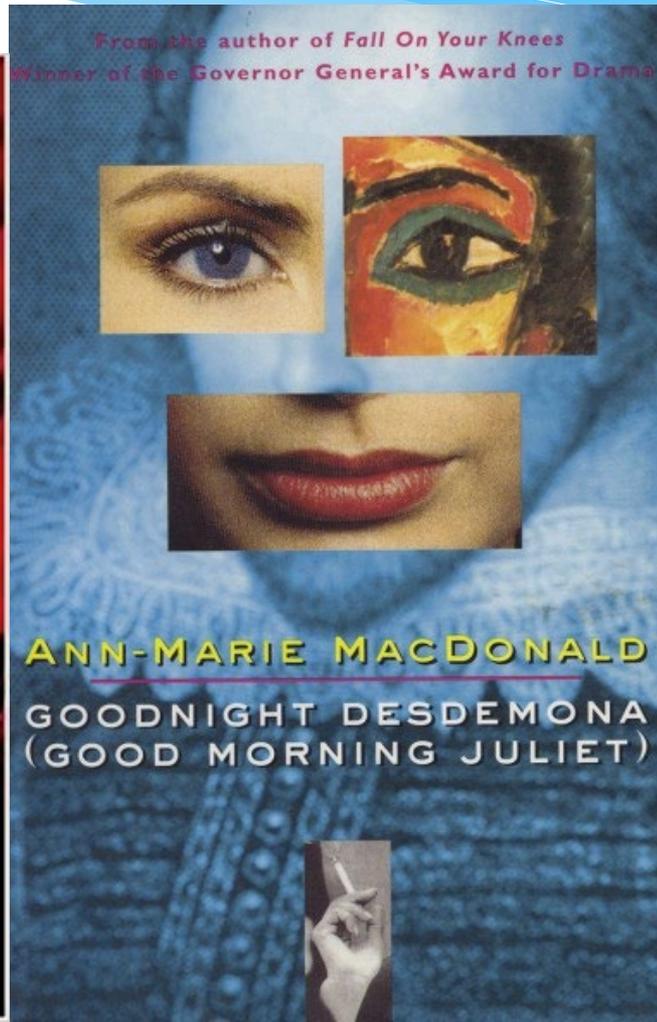
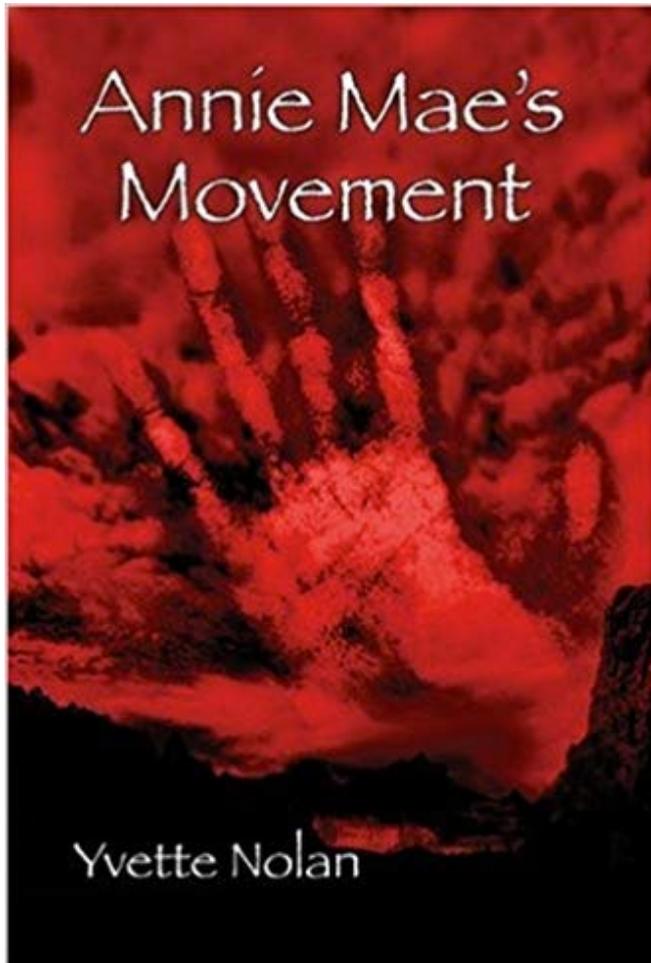
WOMEN PLAYWRIGHTS in CANADA

- * - As artistic directors, directors, and playwrights, women in Canada's professional theatre industry have **not yet surpassed the 35% employment marker.**
- * - The greatest disparity in gender equity happens in the playwright category. According to Playwrights Guild of Canada's Annual Theatre Production Survey, out of **812 productions** in the 2013/14 season, **63%** were written by men, **22%** by women, and **15%** by mixed gender partnerships. - Women constitute **over half of all theatre school students**, as at the National Theatre School of Canada, where they were **58%** of the enrollment in 2014/15. Yet, after graduation, women make up fewer than **30%** of the profession's creative leaders.

Some Canadian Women Playwrights



MORE Canadian women playwrights



And more still... so many.

JUDITH THOMPSON



The
Blue
Light



Mieko Ouchi: Two Plays

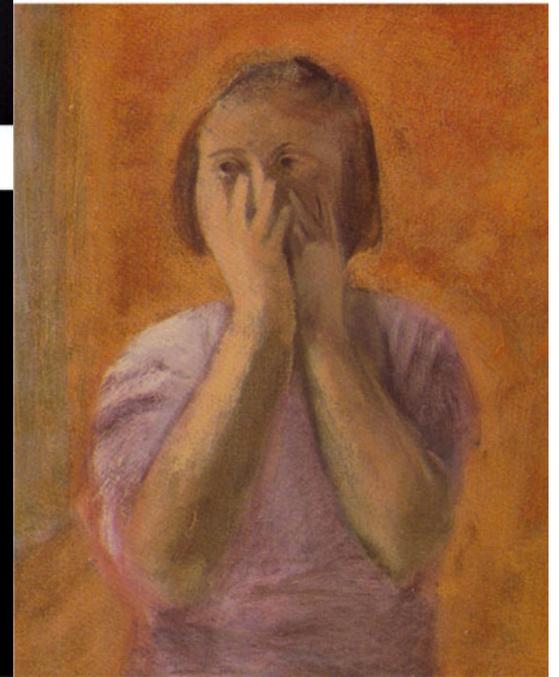
The
Red
Priest

(Eight Ways To Say Goodbye)



CAROLE FRÉCHETTE
BABY BLUES
LES HERBES ROUGES / THÉÂTRE

THE
CRACKWALKER



Théâtre du Nouveau Monde



Monument National...



... Home of the National Theatre School



Segal Centre



Centaur Theatre



Shakespeare in the Park



So many spaces...



Which brings us to...



4. PARTNERS

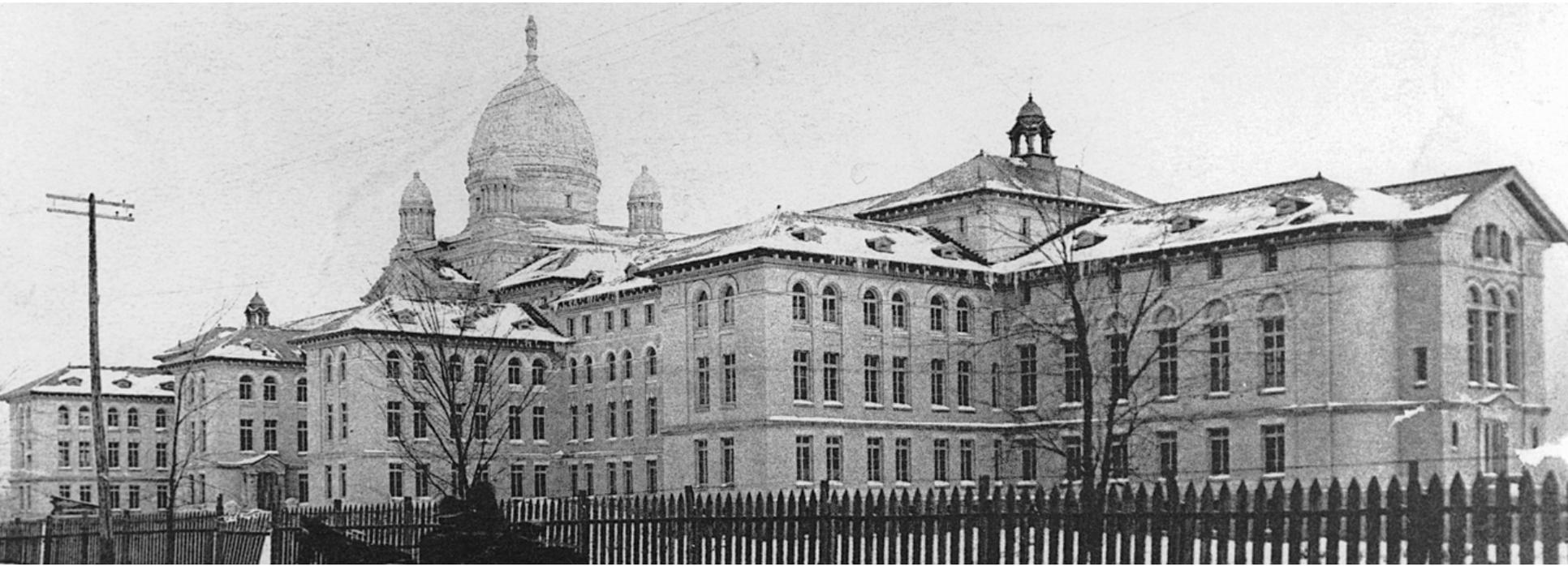
DAWSON

C O L L E G E

Dawson College!!!



Dawson 1907: Mother House



Dawson Today



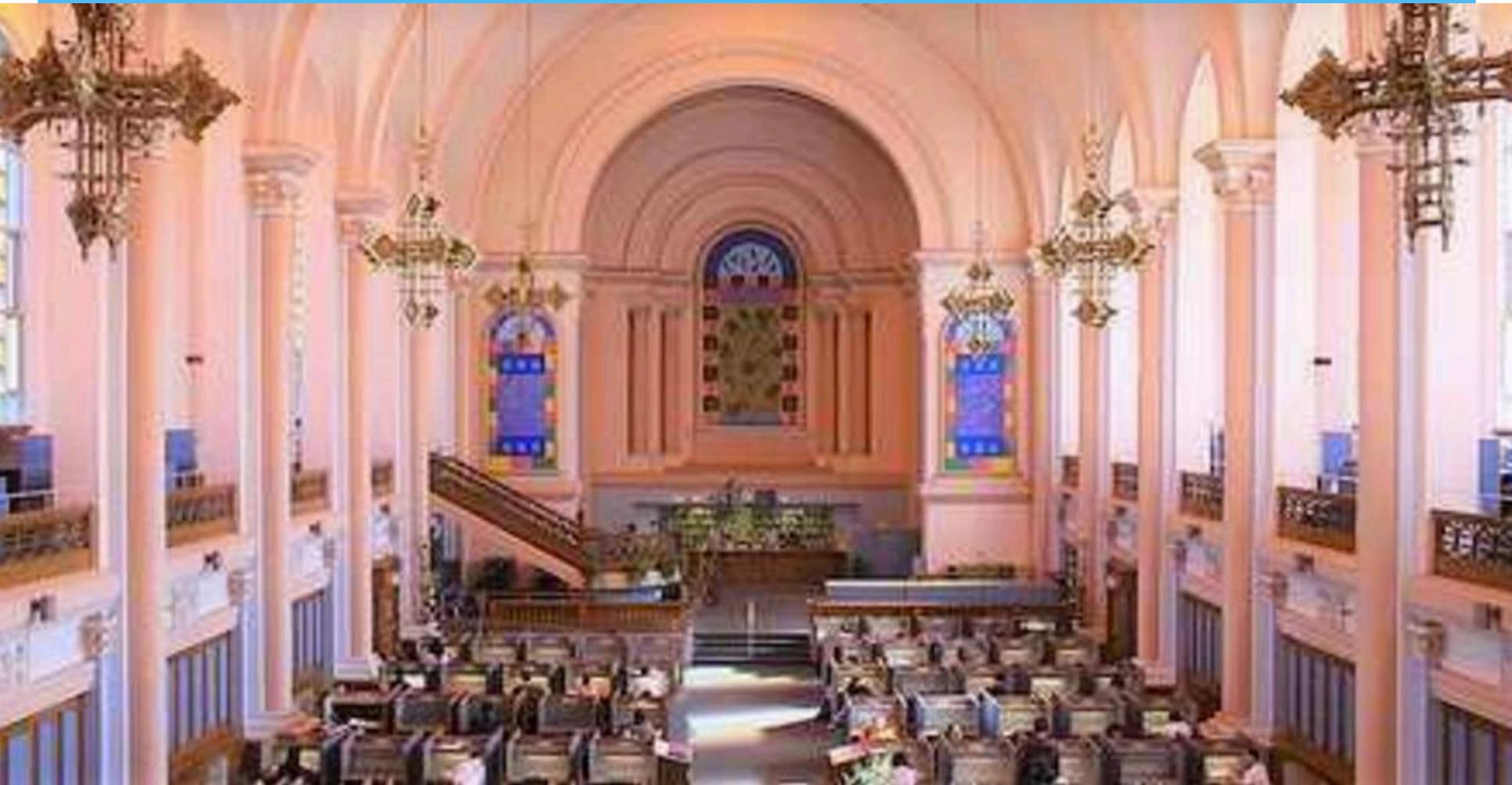
Alexis Nihon



Atrium



Library



Dawson Theatre



Theme

“Canada is the only country in the world that knows how to live without an identity.” Marshall McLuhan

“Canada was founded on dead beavers.” Margaret Atwood

For a very long time, at least since Canada as a nation was first imagined, we have been asking ourselves “What is a Canadian?”

Not an American.

There is more than 1 Canada



WPIC

At WPI conferences we gather to celebrate, and give voice to the issues that concern female writers—but the ways we identify ourselves as well as the ways we express our desires and obligations may not resemble each other at all:

In terms of human rights and social justice,
privilege and agency
Are our needs different ?

What Unites Us?

- * As Playwrights?
- * As Theatre Makers?
- * As Women?

As Women Playwrights...

- * What are our obligations?
- * What stories can we tell? Must we tell? Must we not tell?
- * What does “woman playwright” mean for us?
- * What does an evolving understanding of gender mean for the term “woman playwright”?
- * What role does our identity as women playwrights PLAY?
- * Let’s explore!!! In....

MONTREAL 2021!!!



THE PLAN

- * June, 2021
- * Also running; Fringe Festival, Jazz Festival, then Just for Laughs
- * Main language= English, 15-25% of work of French language origin

Programme

- * Speakers
- * Workshops
- * Discussions
- * Readings
- * Performances

Practicalities

- * Fees will be on sliding scale according to countries of origin: range 350-450 C\$
- * Participants must pay registration fees which will cover ceremonies, lunch, access to workshops and performances
- * Accommodation information will be provided in timely fashion

Funding

- * Dawson College is a generous partner
- * The Federal Canada Council for the Arts
- * The provincial Conseil des Arts et Lettres de Quebec
- * The municipal Conseil des Arts de Montreal.

See you in Montreal!!!

