

22ND EDITION OF AUCTION-EXHIBIT *PARLE-MOI D'AMOUR* AT THE MAC

***JAMES HYNDMAN, MANON GAUTHIER, MATHIEU BEAUSÉJOUR AND
DOMINIQUE BLAIN LEND THEIR VOICES TO THE EVENT***



Anne Dupéré. 2019. Les Impatients Collection

*Parle-moi
d'amour*
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Montreal, Wednesday, February 19, 2020 - The annual *Parle-moi d'amour* art auction-exhibition will take place **from March 19 to April 1, 2020**, at the **Musée d'art contemporain de Montréal (MAC)**. Artworks by Impatients creators will be proudly exhibited in this famous location alongside great contemporary artists.

For this 22nd edition, **James Hyndman** will act as spokesperson, and **Manon Gauthier**, Executive Director of the Jean Paul Riopelle Foundation, will chair the Honorary Committee. This edition's guest artists are **Mathieu Beauséjour** and **Dominique Blain**. *Parle-moi d'amour* is Les Impatients' main fundraising activity. The financial objective for this edition is to raise \$200,000.

The exhibition will feature **over 330 pieces** created by Impatients and professional artists as well as prestigious donations from collectors. **All proceeds will allow Les Impatients to continue offering free creative workshops every week to over 750 people who struggle with mental health, in 17 locations across Quebec.**

Our workshops go from drawing to painting, music and theatre, dance and comic book creation. Les Impatients spokesperson **Krystie-Ann Caron** recalls her workshop experiences: "At first, it took a lot of courage to show my finger paintings and pastel drawings. But as I felt more accepted, I became more audacious. Then, the music workshop introduced me to percussion instruments through musical improvisation with other Impatients. It was so much fun!"

The organization is more vibrant than ever. Les Impatients Collection now has over 15,000 pieces. As a reference in **North America**, the organization's expertise is now crossing borders. Recently, following invitations from the cities of **Nantes, Paris** and **New York**, Les Impatients attended conferences and presented their work to a new audience that was very keen on its approach and its success. In 2020, new workshops will open in various Quebec cities.

“A recent study showed that 87% of creative workshop participants noticed an improvement in their health, and 66% reported less hospital visits. It is clear that Les Impatients is here for a reason and that art does good,” highlights the organization’s Director General, Frédéric Palardy.

Among this edition’s artists: Rita Assouline, Mathieu Beauséjour, Patrick Bernatchez, BGL, Dominique Blain, Marie-Claire Blais, Michel de Broin, Raphaëlle de Groot, René Derouin, Eddy Firmin, Michel Goulet, Sophie Jodoin, Luce Meunier, Caroline Monnet, Élisabeth Picard, Dominique Pétrin, Yann Pocreau, Carlos et Jason Sanchez, Marc Séguin, Heidi Spector, Karen-Elaine Spencer, Gabor Szilasi and Elena Willis.

Les Impatients is also honoured by the support of generous collectors who have contributed 64 pieces by renowned artists such as:

Edmund Alleyn, Raymonde April, Nicolas Baier, Marcel Barbeau, Kittie Bruneau, Shepard Fairey, Pascal Grandmaison, Celia Perrin Sidarous, Jean Paul Riopelle and Claude Tousignant.

Exhibit Opening // Thursday, March 19, at 5:30 p.m.

Silent Auction // March 19 to April 1

Closing Event // Wednesday, April 1, at 5:30 p.m. Tickets on sale for \$25 as of March 1 on the event site: parlemoidamour.impatients.ca.

Opening hours: Tuesday, 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. • Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. • Saturday and Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Musée d’art contemporain de Montréal, 185 Sainte-Catherine West Street, Montreal

Members of the team will be onsite throughout the exhibit to greet and guide visitors and talk to them about the organization. **Admission to the exhibit is free for visitors, with the exception of the closing event.**

To learn more about the organization’s work, visit impatients.ca.

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About Les Impatients

Les Impatients' mission is to help people with mental illness through artistic expression. The organization offers creative workshops and encourages exchanges with the community through the sharing of its participants' creations.

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