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Young Quebec Artists Encouraged to Turn their Passion into Profit

YES is hosting a free public Art Expo at Marché Bonsecours to showcase local art and artists

Montreal – November 21, 2011. Youth Employment Services (YES) is hosting a 2-day Art Expo to encourage young artists and artisans under the age of 30 to turn their artistic passion into profit. With support from the Forum jeunesse de l'île de Montréal (FJÎM) and Canadian Heritage, the community-inspired event will provide an opportunity for young, talented emerging artists to showcase their work to the public, for free.

Running from December 1st to December 2nd at the Marché Bonsecours, the public will have the opportunity to view and purchase the unique creations of over 60 young and talented Quebec artists who will be exhibiting and selling one-of-a-kind paintings, photographs, sculptures, fashion, crafts, jewellery, and more. Admission to the Art Expo is free and will also feature live musical and dance performances by local talent.

Special guests including Andy Nulman, co-founder and promoter of the Just for Laughs Festival, is among the confirmed guests who will speak to the importance of supporting the arts.

The Art Expo is being held as part of YES' long-running Artists' Program which supports and assists artists of all disciplines to develop the skills and strategies needed to turn their artistic passion into a sustainable and profitable career.

"Last year's Art Expo attracted over 1,000 visitors," said Iris Unger, YES Executive Director. "Hosting this event gives us the opportunity to bring the creative energy and unique vision of our clients to the business and arts communities as well as our extensive network of partners, supporters and collaborators and the general public at large."

The Art Expo is open to the public with free admission on Thursday, December 1st from 7PM – 9PM and Friday December 2nd from 10AM-4PM.

More information about the expo can be found at www.yesmontreal.ca or by calling 514-878-9788.

About YES

As a not-for-profit organization, YES (Youth Employment Services) enriches the community by providing English-language support services to help Quebecers find employment and start businesses.

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