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Gala SalonEsque
On Tuesday, May 21
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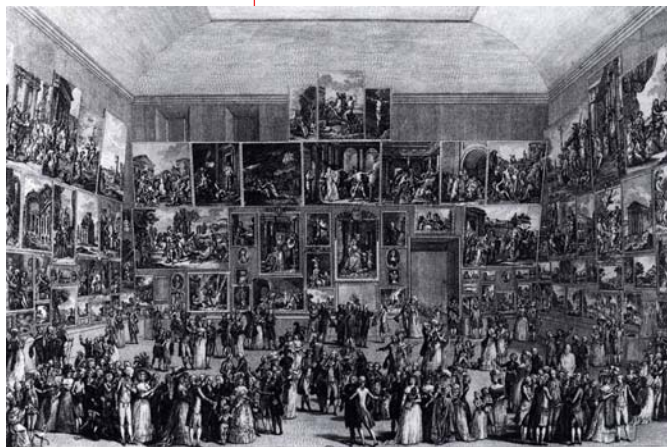
Exhibition Salon*Esque*

21 - May 30, 2015

Montreal, on May 14th 2015 —

Without pretension or artifice, free of convention and bordering on the whimsical, **SalonEsque** is an exhibition that includes visual artists of diversity, and artists living within the Milton Parc area. With no shortage of applicants, over 200 artworks have been received to date, grouping together over one hundred visual artists of diversity and of the Milton Park area! Gala SalonEsque celebrates World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development and the democratization of art. Proclaimed by the General Assembly of the United Nations, *World Day for Cultural Diversity* is celebrated annually on May 21 since its adoption by UNESCO in 2001.

Featured as part of opening night are **Les Royal Pickles**, a septet of swing musicians, who are about to embark on yet another European tour.



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EXPOSITION AU SALON DE LOUVRE EN 1787.



No tengo lugar, Sanaz Hosseini

The Salon Carré in 1725

Borrowing from a tradition when the royally sanctioned Académie des beaux-arts held its first semi-public art exhibit at the Salon Carré in Paris. In 1725, the Salon was held in the palais du Louvre and was essential for any artist to achieve success in France, marking a sign of royal favor.

The MAI's version of this historical event takes the form of a **non-juried** exhibition where section by section of the gallery walls will be filled from floor to ceiling.

The more art, the more space covered.

Contemporary eclecticism

No restrictions were imposed this non-juried exhibition and although acrylic on canvas remains a perennial favorite for a multitude of artists, **SalonEsque** also boasts sculpture, textile and engraving to mention just a few of the many media being exhibited. This democratization of the arts brings together some **120 artists**. The spirit of early 20th century Paris, 27 rue de Fleurus gets transported onto Jeanne-Mance in a contemporary guise.

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A quintessential aperitif

A septet of swing musicians, **Les Royal Pickles** share in this celebration of diversity. In love with the spirit of New Orleans, they draw from music of the swing-era while also being influenced by greats of French Chanson.

Before developing quite the reputation, Les Royal Pickles could be seen playing in public places throughout the city of Montréal, a history with a direct link to **BUSCAR : ECLECTIK 2015** presented here at MAI on **May 29th and May 30th**.

A musical event brimming with an exceptional diversity of imagination to close MAI's 16th season !



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MAI Gallery

**From Tuesday through Saturday
12 am to 6 pm**

FREE ADMISSION

Participating artists



Sylvie Adams, Vlad Afanasyev, Nazanin Afshar, Ifeoma Anyaeji, Ralph Auguste Maingrette, Chadi Ayoub, Susanne Bélair, Lydie Berthelot, Martine Bertrand, Peter Boyadjieff, Sandra Breault, Kevin Calixte, Colette Campbell-Moscrop, Pelin Yazar Canez, Samuel Canny, Bernardo Carrara, Cham Chahda, Viku Chan, Cyndi Charlemagne, Nancy Chen-Ouellet, Caroline Ouimet Sarazin, Cécile Comblen, Rébert Damour, Patricia David, Catherine Davidson, Barbara Decrock, Vanessa Di Gregorio, Laurence Dionne, Géraldine Entiope, Farah Fancy, Denise Faucher, Ila Firoozabadi, Shelley Freeman, Marie-Julie Gauthier, Damien Gillot, Kakim Goh, Osvaldo González Herrera, Sadko Hadzahasanovic, Emma Harake, Stéphanie Heendrickxen, Sanaz Hosseini, France Houle, Marcel Huguet, Mikael Igos, Muriel Jaouich, Tina Kabir, Dima Karout, Keziban, Maher Kouraytem, Ber Lazarus, Mi-Jeong Lee, Danielle Legrain, Nathalie Lemoine, Annie Lévesque, Wisely Louis, Parker Mah, Graziella Malagoni, Virginie Maltais, Annick Mathe, Anna Jane McIntyre, Manon Miserany, Ian Mitchell, Diego Morales, Adrián Morillo Gonzalez, Félicité Mvioki, Claude Philippe Nolin, Sophie Ouellet, Sophie Pardo, Giuseppe Pascale, Madeleine Perreault, Jennie Philpott, Guy Pierre, Diana Polizeno, Emily Read, Isabelle Regout, Farzaneh Rezai, Mancy Rezai, Jean-Pierre Riverin, Simra Saltik, Jonathan Sardelis, Annie Sène, Bahar Taheri, Maryam Tavaf, Mikael Teimer, Nadim Touma, Eric Tschaeppler, Diamanto Tsitouras, Federico Uribe, Aida Vosoughi, David Willis, Chelsea Woodhouse, Daniela Zekina



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