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THURS 23 Seth launches CLYDE FANS  
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MON 13 TRUE READS  
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SUN 19 QUEEREADS (6PM)  
Fierce Femmes and Notorious Liars by Kai Cheng Thom

WED 22 GRAPHIC NOVEL  
Upgrade Soul by Ezra Clayton Daniels

SUN 26 QUEEREADS (6PM)  
Bad Feminist by Roxane Gay

WED 29 NEW READS  
Gingerbread by Helen Oyeyemi

FRI 31 YOUNG READERS (AGES 10-12, 6PM)  
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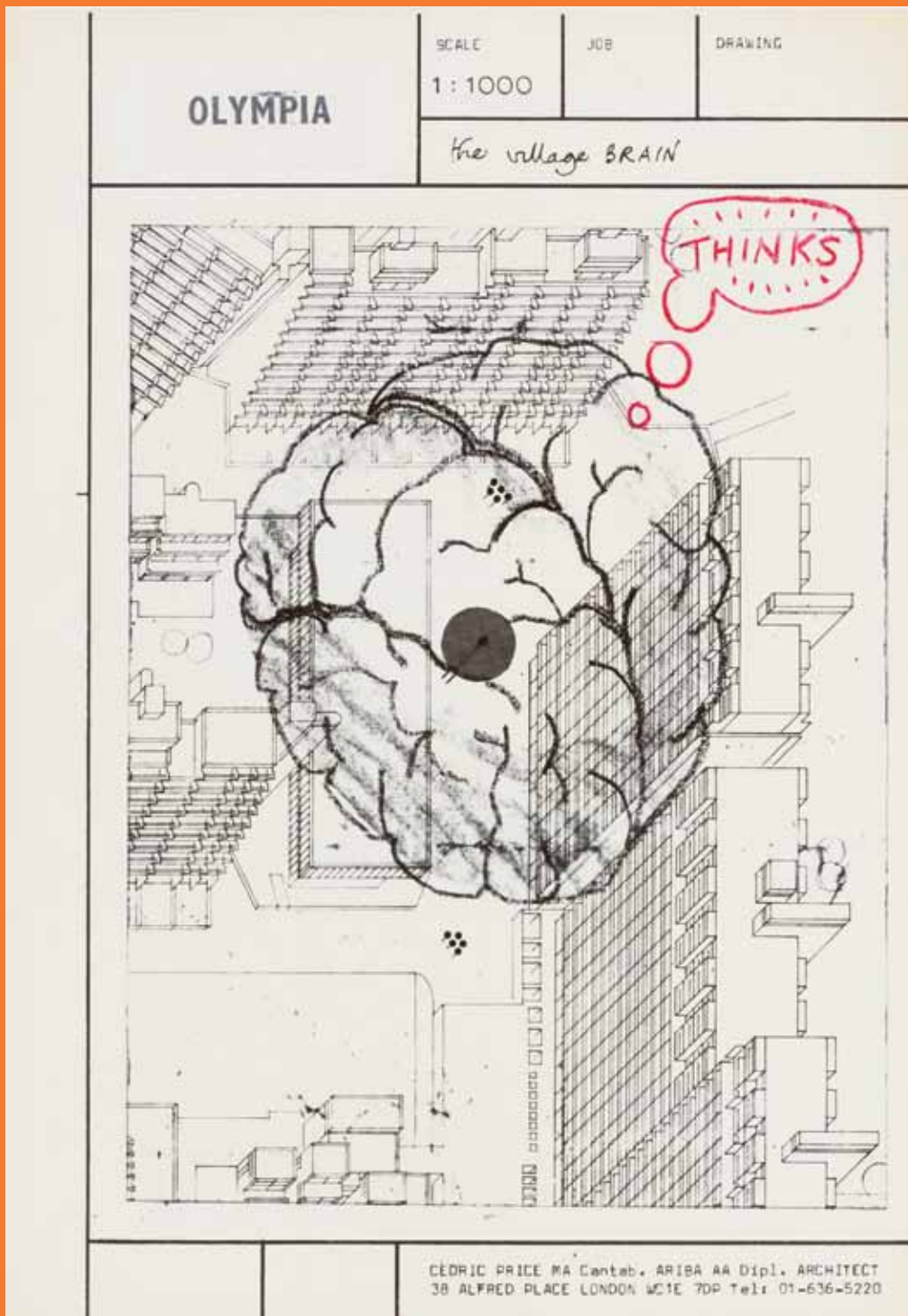
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## To May 30

The annual Accès Asie festival showcases dance, film, music, visual art, literature, comedy, poetry, new media and culinary art from contemporary and traditional Asian cultures.

## To May 5

The 46th annual Concordia Film Festival offers a look at cinematic talent on the rise, and with Film Production and Film Animation screenings priced at \$5 (and it's only \$20 for a festival pass, and talks and seminars are free), it's a no-brainer for affordable entertainment away from your couch.

## To May 11

Over 50 sketch comedy troupes — local, national and international — will be performing at this year's Montreal Sketchfest. Programming includes Toronto's the Sketchersons and their *Sunday Night Live* show with host Tranna Wintour and musical guest Awwful, NYC's Pegasus (ie. Amanda Xeller) and locals Hot Raw Fire, among many more. See our article about the festival at [cultmtl.com](http://cultmtl.com).

→ Various locations, \$15/show, \$20 day pass, \$65 festival pass

## May 8–11

As POP Montreal stretches the definition of pop to its outer limits (not to mention the Jazz Fest's approach to jazz, haha), Distorsion Psych Fest presents a broad spectrum of psychedelic sounds, from shoegaze to post-punk to experimental dance music to garage rock. This year's roster includes exceptional local bands like Suuns, Crabe, Elephant Stone, Petra Glynt, Bleu Nuit and les Breastfeeders, with a handful of acts from the U.S., Mexico and the ROC.

→ Various locations, four-day passes \$55 or \$200 (special package)

## May 15

Five bands from the Japanese capital play Petit Campus in the latest edition of the Next Music From Tokyo showcase. This line-up is pretty eclectic, repping everything from dub reggae and rap/EDM to indie rock and straight-up pop.

→ 57 Prince-Arthur E., 8 p.m., \$15/\$20

### May 17–19

Punk rock music festival Pouzza occupies the Quartier des Spectacles for one evening and two full days and nights of sonic mayhem, featuring acts including Against Me!, Andrew W.K., Strung Out, the Planet Smashers, Subb and many, many more. Ticketed shows are happening in four concert venues, with free shows scheduled for the outdoor site.

→ Various locations, day tickets \$60, three-day pass \$125

Over in Sainte Thérèse, the second edition of the Santa Teresa music fest is going down in the satellite town northwest of Montreal over three days. Acts include MGMT, Hubert Lenoir, Kallitechnis, Kroy, Poirier, Radiant Baby, RYAN Playground and more. Note that shuttle service between Montreal and Sainte Thérèse is available (\$9 per ride), and public transit is doable (it's a 20-minute bus ride from Montmorency metro).

→ Various locations in Sainte Thérèse, various prices (per show)



Snotty Nose Rez Kids

## May 18–19

Porches, stoops, lawns, alleys, balconies and rooftops all around NDG become stages for acoustic bands in the annual Porchfest event.

## May 19–Sept. 29

Sunday afternoons and early evenings in Montreal have never been the same since Piknic Électronik launched their weekly summer dance parties back in the early aughts. As usual the event launches for the season with Sunday/Monday events on the long weekend. The line-up had not yet been revealed when we went to press (but can be seen on the Piknic site now).

→ Plaine des Jeux (Île Ste-Hélène, ie. Parc Jean-Drapeau), season passes \$119/\$87 students, individual event price not available at press time

## May 22–June 4

Festival TransAmériques, which bills itself as “the biggest performing arts festival in North America,” promises two weeks of contemporary theatre and dance shows, along with a series of dance parties at Quartier général.

## May 23

American author and activist Dan Savage has a film festival of his own: Hump!, a touring curated selection of short dirty movies by amateur filmmakers and actors putting a twist on conventional porn with kink, creativity and diversity.

→ Cinéma l'Amour (4015 St-Laurent), screenings at 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m., \$22.37 all in

## May 24

Artist Ken Lum visits Montreal for A-B-Z-LUM and offers a free talk, «Not My Type: Thoughts on Typographic Taste.» From

Vancouver to Rotterdam and Gwangju, Lum explores identity through language and letterforms. Even strip mall signs.

→ 1515 Ste-Catherine W. (EV 1.605), 6 p.m., free

## May 24–26

The Comics Art Festival (aka Festival BD de Montréal) features 170 comics creators from all over, with 60 special events and seven exhibitions in l'Espace Lafontaine.

→ Rachel & Papineau, 1–7 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m.–6 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Sunday, free

## May 24–June 2

Interdisciplinary, experimental, emerging performing arts and artists are the focus of OFFTA, an event that was originally founded to offer counter-programming to Festival TransAmériques but is now friendly enough with the other festival to have a joint hot dog party.

## May 27–June 16

Nothing says summer like the opening of the Montreal Fringe Festival, where hundreds of local and international performers descend on the city to share the best in innovative, insightful, emotional and often hilarious independent theatre, music, dance and more.

## June 4–23

The Suoni per il Popolo festival specializes in avant garde and experimental music styles, and this year's line-up is as rich and diverse as ever. As our columnist Johnson Cummins always says, discovering acts you've never seen or heard before is what Suoni is all about, but we can recommend a few known entities: Snotty Nose Rez Kids, Lido Pimienta, Xarah Dion (who'll be launching a record), Spencer Krug, Nick Schofield, Saul Williams, Fly Pan Am and Police des Moeurs.



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Between the scourge of strip-mall living and the permanent construction-site state of our city streets — not to mention the online-living and general bubble-dwelling that keeps us apart — it's imperative to salute the artists, promoters, organizers, reporters, restaurateurs and retailers who keep Montreal's heart beating.

The poll is open and democratic, with no editorial influence or interference. We are always glad to see so many people make an event of voting via social media campaigns, and while we can't resist sharing the occasional third-party get-out-the-vote tweet, we otherwise remain neutral during the polling period.

Ballot-stuffing is automatically weeded out by our survey software, but we must admit that we appreciate joke votes — it's nice to get a few laughs in during the painstaking tabulation process. This year there were votes for columnist and social media personality Murphy Cooper and comedian Julian Bernatchez in way too many categories, along with griping about everything from the length of the poll to the fact that we'd dare suggest that there are politicians who aren't evil (ie. the

Best Politician category, which is open to interpretation by the way) to the existence of our ethnic cuisine section of the poll — see Resto wrongs on p. 38.

Though our version of this readers poll is in its seventh edition, it bears mentioning that the survey follows in the decades-old tradition established by the city's defunct but fondly remembered alt-weekly newspaper the *Mirror*. Respect.

Along with the expanded Top 10 lists in every category (coming to cultmtl.com in the coming days), our website will feature a number of Best of MTL articles through the month of May and beyond.

We thank everyone who voted and promoted the poll. Participation continues to grow every year, making the 2019 results more representative of the city than ever.

(Anglos, if you're wondering why you don't recognize some names in these lists, it's because the other 70 per cent of the population is now voting in a bilingual poll. Francos, désolé, les résultats sont unilingue.)

To all the winners in the following 150+ categories: congratulations.

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# People & Places

Justin Trudeau's star may have fallen a bit with the SNC-Lavalin affair — which topped the Most Heinous Scandal category and propelled him into the Slimiest Politician Top 5 for the first time — but not enough to prevent the majority of you from voting him Hottest Montrealer (again). Our mayor bested Trudeau in the Best Politician category, while François Legault won Slimiest Politician by a landslide — the only election he'll ever win with Montrealers. Nightlife columnist and social media personality Murphy Cooper campaigned hard, winning the Best-dressed category here and making #2 Best Instagram account in the Media section. The influence of Cooper's friends and fans had a secondary effect on the poll, however, bringing Verdun (#4 Best Neighbourhood) and Verdun businesses into the spotlight — his #VERDUNLUV hashtag has attracted many residents of the Southwest hood to his cause.

## Hottest Montrealer

- 1 Justin Trudeau
- 2 Maripier Morin
- 3 Carey Price
- 4 Valérie Plante
- 5 Tranna Wintour

## Best-dressed Montrealer

- 1 Murphy Cooper
- 2 Tranna Wintour
- 3 Justin Trudeau
- 4 Lily Monroe
- 5 Maripier Morin



Verdun! Best Neighbourhood #4

Cindy Lopez

## Best Sports Personality

- 1 Carey Price
- 2 PK Subban
- 3 Max Domi
- 4 Georges St-Pierre
- 5 Brendan Gallagher

## Tackiest Personality

- 1 Céline Dion
- 2 Mado Lamotte
- 3 Justin Trudeau
- 4 Mose Persico
- 5 Éric Lapointe

## Best Weirdo

- 1 Beaver Sheppard
- 2 Natasha Nebula
- 3 Julien Bernatchez

- 4 Hubert Lenoir
- 5 Murphy Cooper

## Best Political Cause

- 1 Le Pacte/climate change
- 2 Bill 21 protest
- 3 Dans la Rue/homelessness
- 4 LGBTQ+ rights
- 5 Indigenous rights/Justice for missing & murdered...

## Best Politician

- 1 Valérie Plante
- 2 Justin Trudeau
- 3 Manon Massé
- 4 Gabriel Nadeau-Dubois
- 5 Craig Sauv 

## Slimiest Politician

- 1 Fran ois Legault
- 2 Justin Trudeau
- 3 Denis Coderre
- 4 Val rie Plante
- 5 Luc Ferrandez

## Most Heinous Scandal

- 1 SNC-Lavalin
- 2 Bill 21
- 3 Potholes/The roads
- 4 Snow removal
- 5 CAQ election

## Best Neighbourhood

- 1 Plateau
- 2 Mile End
- 3 NDG

- 4 Verdun
- 5 Rosemont-Petite-Patrie

## Best Place to Have Public Sex

- 1 The Mountain
- 2 The Wiggle Room
- 3 Parc Lafontaine
- 4 Lachine Canal
- 5 Old Port

## Best Instagram Spot

- 1 Beaver Lake/Mountain
- 2 Old Port/Grande Roue
- 3 Pastel Rita
- 4 Lov Restaurant
- 5 Lachine Canal



# Media

CJLO radio show *Pancake Party* and its host Dave Tone have ascended their respective categories straight to the top this year, proving that Montrealers are still tuning in to hear live performances by their favourite locals (and that the popularity of indie pop persists). In the Best TV Personality category, Québécois comic Jay du Temple (#2) and CTV reporter/podcaster Julian McKenzie (#3) enter the Top 5 for the first time, while Mike Ward's *Sous Écoute* podcast rises to #1 from last year's #3 ranking. Tranna Wintour and Fuck No Montreal retain their holds on Best Twitter and Best Instagram, and we must again thank our readers for making us the #1 Best Magazine, Newspaper and Website (just wait till you see what our website looks like next week!). With fewer and fewer publications in print, it's encouraging to see so many votes for so many different papers and glossies across both categories.

## Best Radio Station

- 1 CKUT 90.3FM
- 2 CHOM 97.7FM
- 3 CJLO 1690AM
- 4 CBC Radio One/Two 88.5FM/93.5FM
- 5 Virgin Radio 95.9FM

## Best Radio Show

- 1 *Pancake Party* CJLO 1690AM
- 2 *Underground Sounds* CKUT 90.3FM
- 3 *Daybreak* CBC Radio One 88.5FM
- 4 *The Go-Go Radio Magic Show* CJLO 1690AM
- 5 *La soirée est encore jeune* ICI Radio-Canada 95.1FM

## Best Radio Host

- 1 Dave Tone CJLO 1690AM

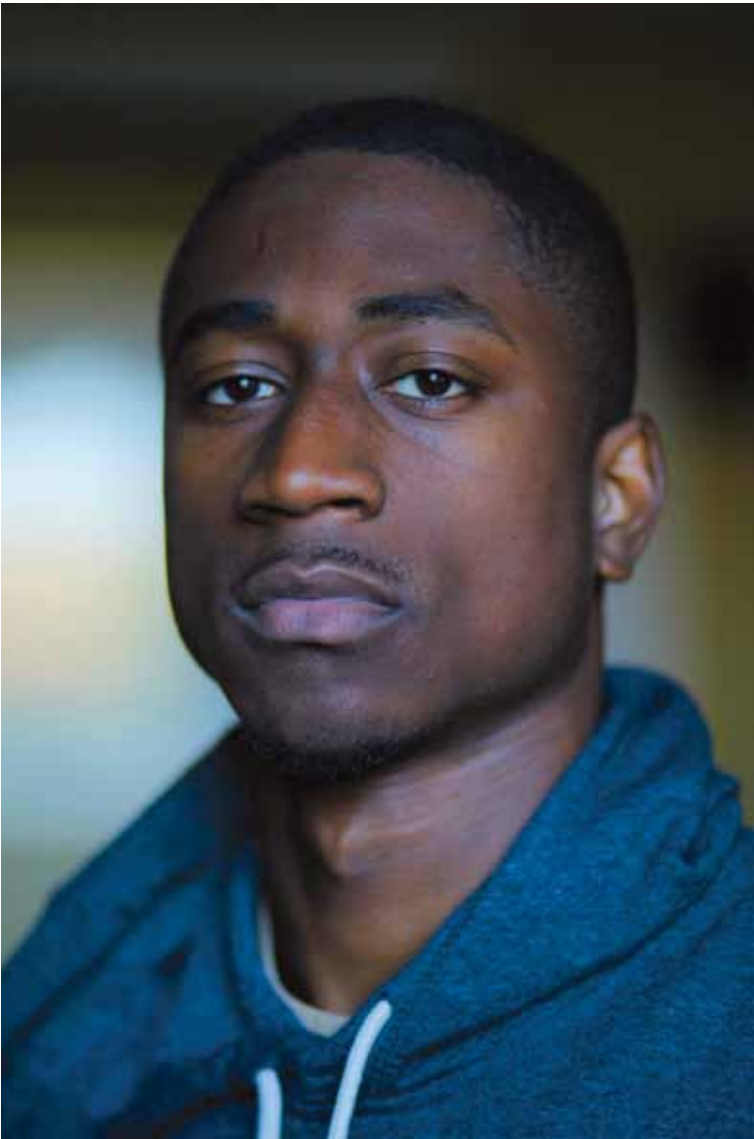
- 2 Nick Schofield CKUT 90.3FM
- 3 Jason Rockman CHOM 97.7FM
- 4 Mike Finnerty CBC Radio One 88.5FM
- 5 Paul Arcand CHMP 98.5FM

## Best TV Station

- 1 CTV
- 2 CBC
- 3 ICI/Radio-Canada
- 4 Global
- 5 Télé-Québec

## Best Newscaster

- 1 Mutsumi Takahashi
- 2 Céline Galipeau
- 3 Pierre Bruneau
- 4 Patrice Roy
- 5 Paul Karwatsky



Shaun Michaud

"Thank you. I'm just glad I'm not on the Tackiest Personality list like Mose Persico. If I am on that list, please ignore that."—Julian Mackenzie, Best TV Personality #3



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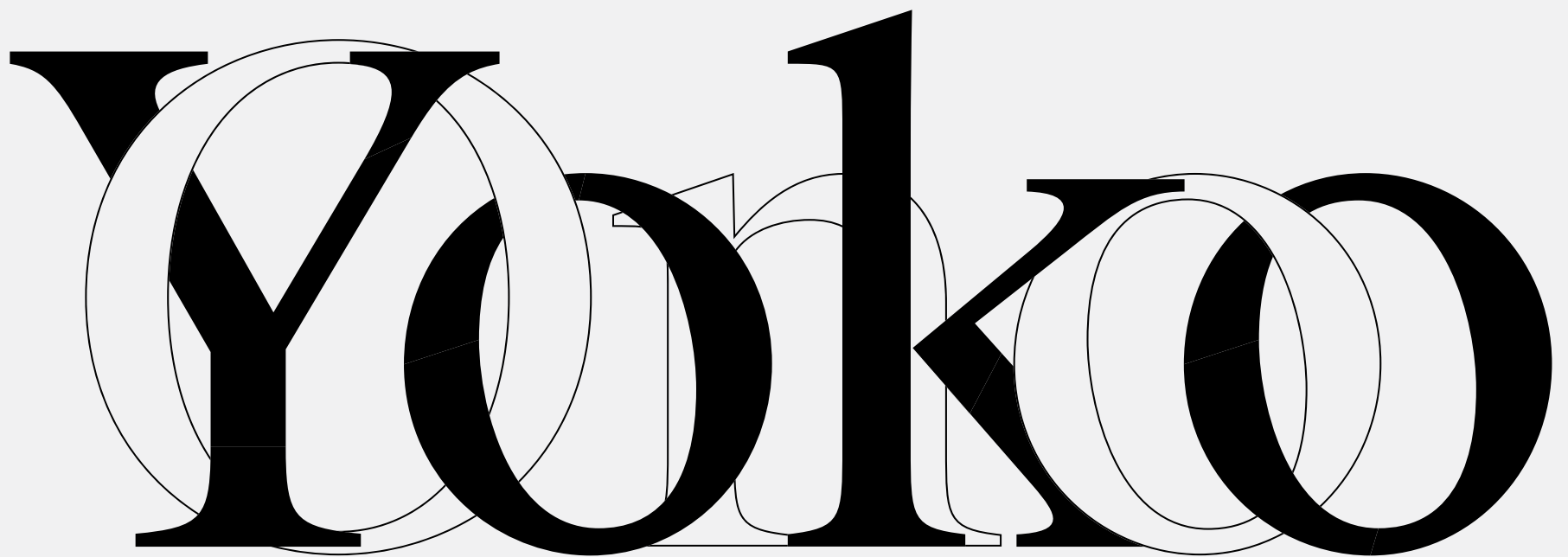
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- 1 Mutsumi Takahashi
- 2 Jay du Temple
- 3 Julian McKenzie
- 4 Marc Labrèche
- 5 Maripier Morin

### Best Magazine

- 1 *Cult MTL*
- 2 *Urbania*
- 3 *Nouveau Projet*
- 4 *Dinette*
- 5 *Vice*

### Best Newspaper

- 1 *Cult MTL*
- 2 *The Gazette*
- 3 *Le Devoir*
- 4 *La Presse (RIP)*
- 5 *Le Journal de Montréal*

### Best Website

- 1 Cult MTL  
cultmtl.com
- 2 Pornhub  
pornhub.com
- 3 MTL Blog  
mtlblog.com
- 4 Tattoo Box Montréal  
tattooboxmontreal.com
- 5 Eater Montreal  
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### Best Instagram

- 1 Fuck No, Montreal  
@fucknomtl
- 2 Murphy Cooper  
@murphycooper
- 3 C&L Cycle  
@clcycle
- 4 Ponto  
@ponto\_mtl

- 5 Tattoo Box Traditional  
@tattoo\_box\_traditional

### Best Twitter

- 1 @trannawintour
- 2 @cultmtl
- 3 @fucknomtl
- 4 @harriweinerb
- 5 @murphycooper

### Best Podcast

- 1 *Mike Ward Sous Écoute*
- 2 *3 Bières*
- 3 *Chosen Family*
- 4 *Des si et des rais*
- 5 *9to5/Go Plug Yourself*

"Feels so good to be cûlissement connu in Montreal. Thanks for the support and don't forget to follow me on IG for more fire outfits."—Murphy Cooper, Best-dressed Montrealer #1, Best Instagram #2

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# Nightlife

When it comes to drinking, Montrealers are pretty particular. The variety of votes in the Best Bartender category was staggering, resulting in a Top 5 that is completely different from last year's — aside from everyone's Bishop Street mainstay Gern. F at Grumpy's. Mile Ex watering hole Notre Dame des Quilles continues to reign the Bar and LGBT Bar/Club categories, while queer events make up the Top 4 Best Club Nights (and their DJs make up the Top 4 Best Club DJ category in the Music section). Tranna Wintour's popularity continues unabated as she tops the Best Comedian category, the Stand Back event she co-hosts with Rachel Gendron wins Best Comedy Night and her Trannavision film series comes in at #4 in that category. Marijuana's dominance in Best Drug will surprise no one, but I have a couple of questions about Best Drink: Can we not get more specific than "beer" and "wine"? And how is wine only #4?

## Best Bartender

- 1 Gern F. (Grumpy's)
- 2 Vito Ciocca (Le Bremner)
- 3 Rashta Kruger (Comedy Nest/Blue Dog)
- 4 Asilex Rodriguez (Kabinet)
- 5 Caroline Kaufman (Bifteck)

## Best Bar

- 1 Notre Dame des Quilles
- 2 Grumpy's
- 3 Turbo Haüs
- 4 Bar de Courcelle
- 5 Wiggle Room

## Best Sleazy Dive

- 1 Barfly
- 2 Brasserie Beaubien
- 3 Bar de Courcelle
- 4 Grumpy's
- 5 Bifteck

## Best Wine Bar

- 1 Loïc
- 2 Pullman
- 3 Vin Papillon
- 4 Buvette Chez Simone
- 5 Rouge Gorge

## Best Club

- 1 Datcha
- 2 Nesta
- 3 Stereo
- 4 Sky
- 5 Bar le Ritz PDB

## Best Club Night

- 1 Glitter Bomb
- 2 LIP
- 3 MPU
- 4 CRZN
- 5 Moonshine

## Best Underground Venue

- 1 La Plante
- 2 Bog
- 3 Cyberia
- 4 Fattal
- 5 Tarot

## Best Live Music Venue

- 1 MTelus
- 2 Casa del Popolo
- 3 La Sala Rossa
- 4 Théâtre Corona
- Virgin Mobile
- 5 Bar le Ritz PDB

## Best Promoter

- 1 Blue Skies Turn Black
- 2 Evenko
- 3 Suoni per il Popolo
- 4 POP Montreal
- 5 Greenland Productions

## Best Strip Club

- 1 Chez Parée
- 2 Cleopatra

## 3 Kamasutra

- 4 Club Wanda
- 5 Solid Gold

## Best LGBT Bar/Club

- 1 Notre Dame des Quilles
- 2 Cabaret Mado
- 3 Sky
- 4 Bar Renard
- 5 Club Unity

## Best Burlesque

### Performer

- 1 Lavender May
- 2 Audrey Ivory
- 3 Tristan Ginger
- 4 Celesta O'Lee
- 5 Loulou la Duchesse

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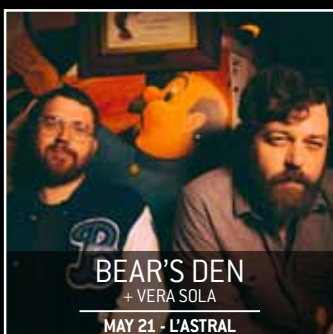
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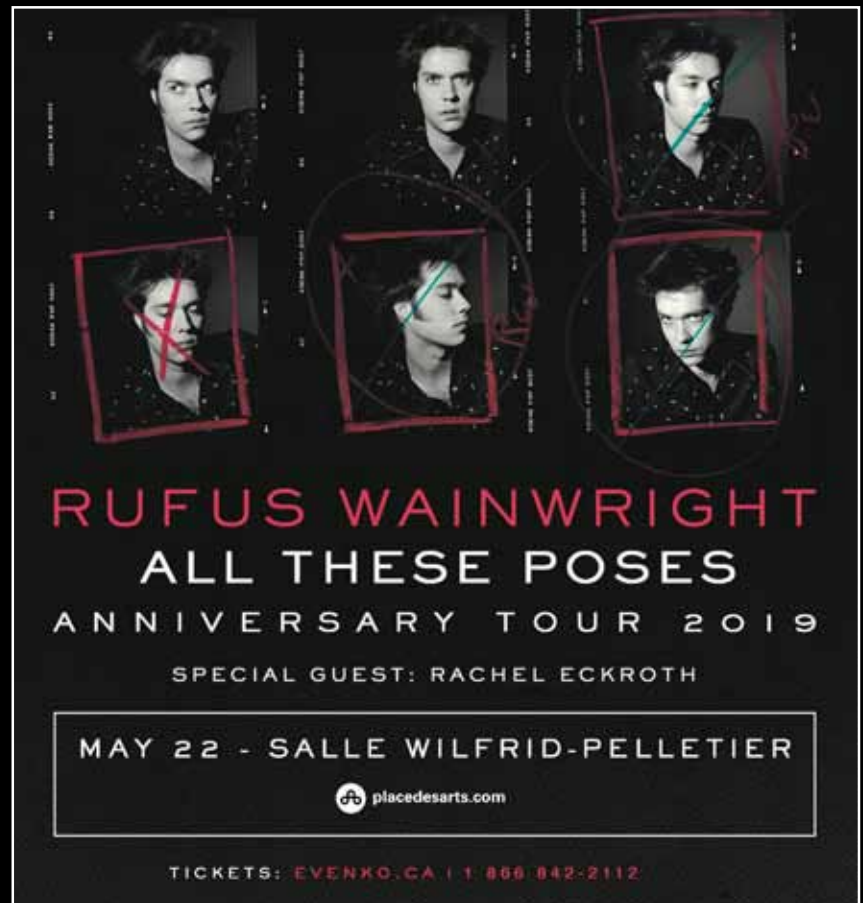
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**Best Drag Queen or King**

- 1 Uma Gahd
- 2 Mado
- 3 Rainbow
- 4 Rita Baga
- 5 Charli Deville

**Best Comedy Club**

- 1 Comedy Nest
- 2 Le Bordel
- 3 Montreal Improv
- 4 Wiggle Room
- 5 Terminal

**Best Comedian**

- 1 Tranna Wintour
- 2 Mike Ward
- 3 Sugar Sammy
- 4 James Brown
- 5 Joey Elias

**Best Comedy Night**

- 1 Stand Back
- 2 Squad Laughs

**3 Arts and Laughs**

- 4 Voix de Ville
- 5 Films in Focus

**Best Karaoke Bar**

- 1 Pang Pang
- 2 Notre Dame des Quilles
- 3 3 Minots
- 4 Club Date
- 5 La Remise

**Best Film Screening Series**

- 1 Cinema Politica
- 2 DeuXX
- 3 Fantasia
- 4 Trannavision
- 5 Cinéclub Film Society

**Best Drug**

- 1 Marijuana
- 2 MDMA/ecstasy/molly
- 3 Cocaine
- 4 Mushrooms
- 5 LSD

**Best Drink**

- 1 Beer
- 2 Gin & tonic
- 3 Old-fashioned
- 4 Negroni
- 5 Wine

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- 2 Palco
- 3 Le Lab
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# Music

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"So happy Montreal knows we're not from Toronto. It's been a really exciting time but nothing feels better than the hometown love, and y'know what? We love you back."—Caveboy, Best Band #4

Morgan Harris Photography

### Best Band

- 1 Arcade Fire
- 2 Half Moon Run
- 3 Urban Science
- 4 Caveboy
- 5 The Damn Truth

### Best Solo Act

- 1 Hubert Lenoir
- 2 Charlotte Cardin
- 3 Kaytranada
- 4 Loud
- 5 Coeur de Pirate

### Freakiest Act

- 1 Hubert Lenoir
- 2 Natasha Nebula
- 3 Big Sissy
- 4 Screaming Demons
- 5 Bad Uncle

### Best Club DJ

- 1 Awwful
- 2 Frankie Teardrop
- 3 Diskommander
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### Most Pretentious Act

- 1 Arcade Fire
- 2 Hubert Lenoir
- 3 Lakes of Canada
- 4 Céline Dion
- 5 Godspeed You! Black Emperor

### Heaviest Act

- 1 Spacemak3r Spacemaker
- 2 The Great Sabatini
- 3 Yoo Doo Right
- 4 Voivod
- 5 Mountain Dust

### Best Hip Hop Act

- 1 Loud
- 2 Dead Obies
- 3 Nomadic Massive
- 4 Nate Husser
- 5 Kaytranada

### Best Electronic Act

- 1 Kaytranada
- 2 Marie Davidson
- 3 Milk and Bone
- 4 Nick Schofield
- 5 Chromeo

### Best Country/Folk Act

- 1 Li'l Andy
- 2 Sin and Swoon
- 3 El Coyote
- 4 Bud Rice
- 5 Barr Brothers

### Best Jazz Act

- 1 Shy Shy Schullie
- 2 Al Mclean
- 3 Dave Gossage Septet
- 4 Kalmunity
- 5 Urban Science Brass Band





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"So thankful to our fans and Cult MTL readers for helping us break into the Top 5! Our 2020 plan is to unseat Arcade Fire. So it is with great pleasure that we announce today our new lead vocalist, Mutsumi Takahashi!"—Urban Science, Best Band #3



"Je suis vraiment ravie de voir que je suis suivie par les lecteurs du Cult MTL. Merci d'être avec moi xxx." —Charlotte Cardin, Best Singer-songwriter #1, Best Solo Act #2

**Best Singer-song-  
writer**

- 1 Charlotte Cardin
- 2 Paul Cargnello
- 3 Safia Nolin

- 4 Patrick Watson
  - 5 Coeur de Pirate
- Best Busker**
- 1 Graham Downey,  
aka ginger bagpipe dude

- 2 Jorie
- 3 Spoonman
- 4 Violinist in dog/wolf mask
- 5 Old Time Honey

**Best Label**

- 1 Constellation
- 2 Arbutus
- 3 Dare to Care
- 4 Stomp
- 5 Indica

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# Film & Arts

The Evelyne Brochu army mounted a less intense social media campaign, yet the *Orphan Black* actress (who co-starred in two TV series this year as well as the film *Cash Nexus*) still made it to #3 Best Actor/Actress. Also in that category are the ever-popular Jay Baruchel, anglo theatre/film mainstays Tristan D Lalla and Brent Skagford and Théodore Pellerin, who recently appeared in Philippe Lesage's film *Genèse* as well as Netflix series *The OA*. Despite the ill fate of his English-language directorial debut, Xavier Dolan remains #1 Best Filmmaker (he's got a new film at Cannes this month) while Liz Singh comes in at #3 on the strength of *Lower Plateau* (Best Local Film #1). The category with the most new names is Best Cartoonist/Comic Artist, featuring D. Mathieu Cassendo (the artist behind Québec Solidaire's campaign posters), horror/sci-fi/fantasy specialist Jeik Dion and Blinky and Sal creator Jonathan Burrello.

## Best Actor/Actress

- 1 Jay Baruchel
- 2 Tristan D Lalla
- 3 Evelyne Brochu
- 4 Brent Skagford
- 5 Théodore Pellerin

## Best Filmmaker

- 1 Xavier Dolan
- 2 Denis Villeneuve
- 3 Liz Singh
- 4 James Watts
- 5 Adam Reider

## Best Local Film (of 2018-2019)

- 1 *Lower Plateau*
- 2 *Death Trip*
- 3 *Chien de garde*
- 4 *Snares*
- 5 *Mon ami Walid*



Thierry Mugler: Couturissime exhibition at the Museum of Fine Arts, Best Museum #1

## Best Theatre Company

- 1 Centaur Theatre
- 2 Black Theatre Workshop
- 3 Mainline Theatre
- 4 Geordie Theatre
- 5 Tableau d'Hôte Theatre

## Best Play

- 1 *Blackout*
- 2 *J'aime Hydro*
- 3 *La clone est triste*
- 4 *Within the Glass*
- 5 *Children of God*

## Best Dance Company

- 1 Variations Mile End
- 2 Les grands ballets Canadiens
- 3 Helen Simard
- 4 Cult of Yes
- 5 Marie Chouinard

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### Best Museum

- 1 Montreal Museum of Fine Arts
- 2 Musée d'art contemporain de Montréal
- 3 McCord Museum
- 4 Pointe-à-callière
- 5 Canadian Centre for

### Architecture

### Best Gallery

- 1 DHC/Fondation Phi
- 2 Station 16
- 3 Arsenal
- 4 Never Apart
- 5 Article

### Best Living Author

- 1 Heather O'Neill
- 2 Michelle Franklin
- 3 Paige Cooper
- 4 Michel Tremblay
- 5 Patrick Sénécal

### Best Cartoonist/ Comic Artist

- 1 Aislin
- 2 Rick Trembles
- 3 D. Mathieu Cassendo
- 4 Jeik Dion
- 5 Jonathan Burrello

### Best Video Game Company

- 1 Ubisoft
- 2 WB
- 3 Tribute Games
- 4 EA
- 5 Borealys

### Best Graffiti Artist/ Crew

- 1 A'Shop
- 2 MissMe
- 3 Nixon Ink Chemistry
- 4 Omen
- 5 En Masse

### Best Festival

- 1 Jazz Fest
- 2 Osheaga
- 3 Just for Laughs
- 4 POP Montreal
- 5 Fringe Festival

### Best Fashion Designer

- 1 Jennifer Glasgow
- 2 Denis Gagnon
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# Goods & Services

The Best Clothing Store category is as representative as ever of the diversity of our audience, repping, shall we say, remarkably basic, mainstream tastes (the Gap) to more refined local designer shops (Lustre Boutique). We were truly impressed by the amount of votes for different bookstores and record shops across those four categories — Amazon is fine (see #5 Best Electronics Store, haha), but brick and mortar is better. Speaking of Best Electronics Store, we hope Moog Audio appreciate their inclusion there (#4) as well as in Best Musical Instrument Store (#2) — a little confusion around “electronic music,” I think. And we also had a few laughs over the Best Drug Paraphernalia Store category, which had loads of votes for pharmacy chains (we removed those) and the SQDC (which we left in) — we wish the SQDC was savvy enough to sell paraphernalia, or offer a shopping experience that isn’t so eerily sterile.

## Best Clothing Store (New)

- 1 Simons
- 2 The Gap
- 3 Frank & Oak
- 4 Jeans Jeans
- Jeans
- 5 Lustre Boutique

## Best Vintage Clothing Store

- 1 Eva B
- 2 Fripe-Prix Renaissance
- 3 Citizen Vintage
- 4 Village des Valeurs
- 5 Empire Exchange

## Best Hair Salon

- 1 Salon Helmet
- 2 Two Horses

- 3 Queen of the World
- 4 Freyja
- 5 Danny’s Coiffure Unisex

## Best Hair Stylist

- 1 Mike Chacko
- Freyja
- 2 David Devico
- Queen of the World

- 3 Will Duny
- Helmet
- 4 Guillaume Cheny
- Helmet
- 5 Marco Di Biasio
- Helmet

## Best Barber

- 1 Mike Chacko

- Freyja
- 2 Guillaume Cheny
- Helmet
- 3 Dave Devico
- Queen of the World
- 4 Marco Di Biasio
- Helmet
- 5 Dan Marin
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Best Tattoo Parlour

- 1 DFA
- 2 Two Horses
- 3 Tattoo Box
- 4 Artease
- 5 Adrenaline

Best Tattoo Artist

- 1 Janice Beattie DFA
- 2 Aimée
- Morning Glory
- 3 Angus Byers DFA
- 4 Rian

- Studio Artease
  - 5 Charline Bataille
  - Minuit Dix
- Best Bookstore (New)
- 1 Drawn & Quarterly
  - 2 Chapters/Indigo/Coles
  - 3 Paragraphe
  - 4 Argo
  - 5 Livre & Let Die

Best Bookstore (Used)

- 1 The Word
- 2 Encore
- 3 Cheap Thrills
- 4 Livre & Let Die
- 5 S.W. Welch

Best Comics Store

- 1 Drawn & Quarterly
- 2 1 000 000 Comix

- 3 Crossover Comics
- 4 Millenium
- 5 Comic Hunter

Best CD/Vinyl Store (New)

- 1 Aux 33 Tours
- 2 Phonopolis

- 3 Cheap Thrills
- 4 Beatnick
- 5 Le Vacarme



An employee at Branche d'Olivier (Best Health Food Store #3) on Wellington.

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### Best CD/Vinyl Store (Used)

- 1 Cheap Thrills
- 2 Aux 33 Tours
- 3 Beatnick
- 4 Death of Vinyl
- 5 Phonopolis

### Best Musical Instrument Store

- 1 Steve's Music Store
- 2 Moog Audio
- 3 Archambault
- 4 Jimi's Music Store
- 5 Twigg

### Best Movie Theatre

- 1 Cinéma du Parc
- 2 Cineplex Forum
- 3 Cineplex Banque Scotia
- 4 Cinéma Moderne
- 5 Cinéma Beaubien

### Best Drug Paraphernalia Store

- 1 Prohibition (fka High Times)
- 2 Utopia
- 3 SQDC
- 4 Psychonaut

### Best App

- 1 Instagram
- 2 Transit
- 3 Tinder
- 4 Uber
- 5 P\$ service mobile

### Best Internet Service Provider

- 1 Bell
- 2 Vidéotron
- 3 TekSavvy
- 4 Ebox/Electronic Box
- 5 Virgin

### Best Electronics Store

- 1 Addison
- 2 Best Buy
- 3 Apple/Apple Store
- 4 Moog Audio
- 5 Amazon

### Best Bicycle Shop

- 1 C&L Cycles
- 2 Bikurius
- 3 J.R. Bicycletterie
- 4 Recycle Cycle
- 5 ABC

### Best Sports Store

- 1 Sports Experts
- 2 MEC
- 3 Play It Again Sports
- 4 Empire
- 5 Evangelista Sport

### Best Skate/Snowboard Shop

- 1 Empire
- 2 Skull Central
- 3 Rollin
- 4 Underground

### Best Fitness Club/Gym

- 1 YMCA
- 2 Econo Fitness
- 3 Machina
- 4 B52 Fitness
- 5 World Gym

### Best Massage Therapist

- 1 Eric Digras Temple Mile End
- 2 Jade Selter
- The Open Centre
- 3 Tanja Gabriel
- Tan Jai Massage
- 4 Lisa Mah

### Centre de Santé Taiyo

- 5 Allison Ryan

### Best Massage Spot

- 1 Studio Bliss
- 2 Bota Bota
- 3 Ovarium
- 4 Espace Nomad
- 5 Tan Jai

### Best Spa

- 1 Bota Bota
- 2 Strøm Spa Nordique
- 3 Scandinave Spa Vieux-Montréal
- 4 Spa Finlandais
- 5 Spa Diva

### Best Yoga Instructor

- 1 Tanya Dawe
- 2 Elizabeth Emberly
- 3 Kimiko Fujimoto
- 4 Erina Pompetti
- 5 Alyson Wish

### Best Yoga Studio

- 1 Modo Yoga (formerly Moksha)
- 2 Naada
- 3 Yoga Vieux-Montreal
- 4 Ashtanga Yoga Montreal

### Best Health Food Store

- 1 Rachelle Béry
- 2 Les Marchés Tau
- 3 Branche d'olivier
- 4 PA Nature
- 5 Bioterre

### Best Home Décor Store

- 1 Zone
- 2 Ikea
- 3 Homesense
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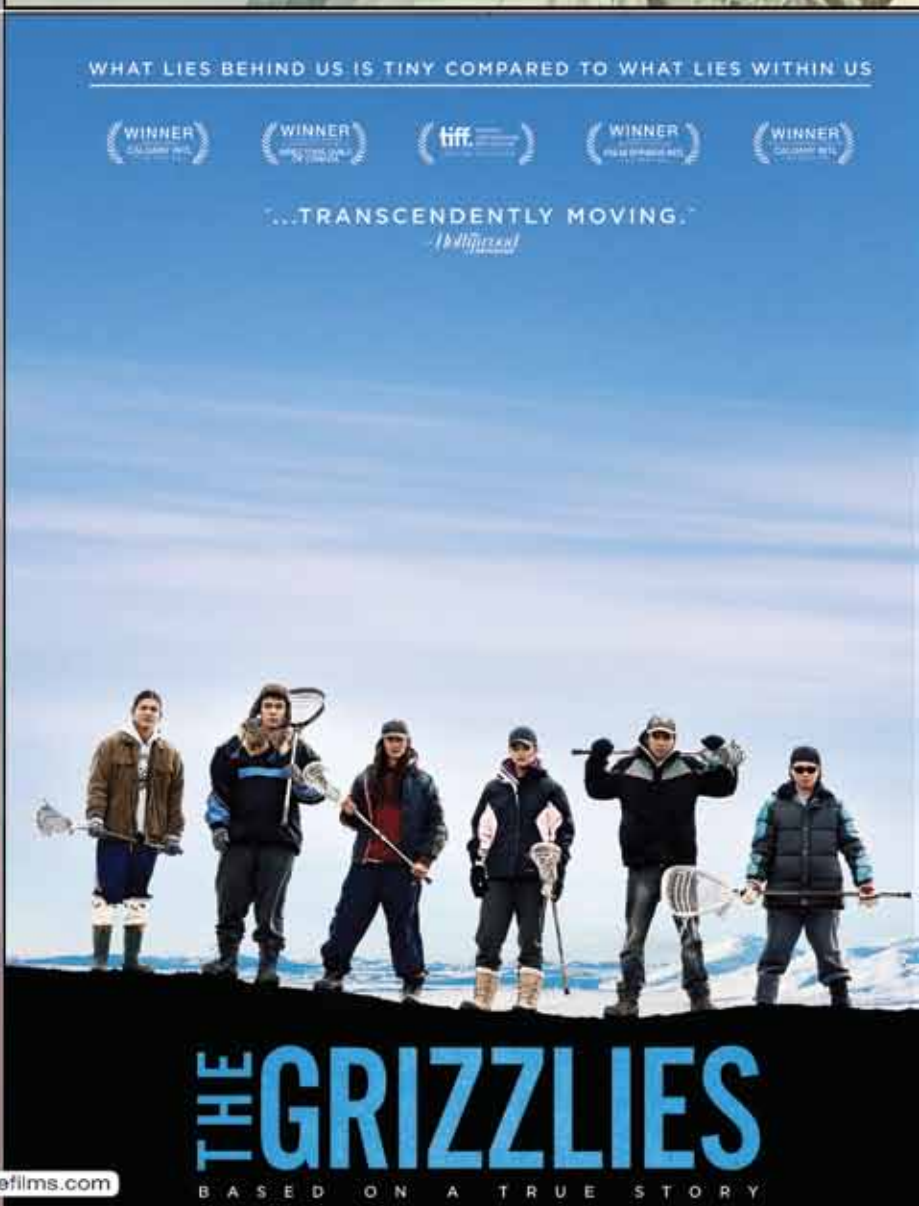
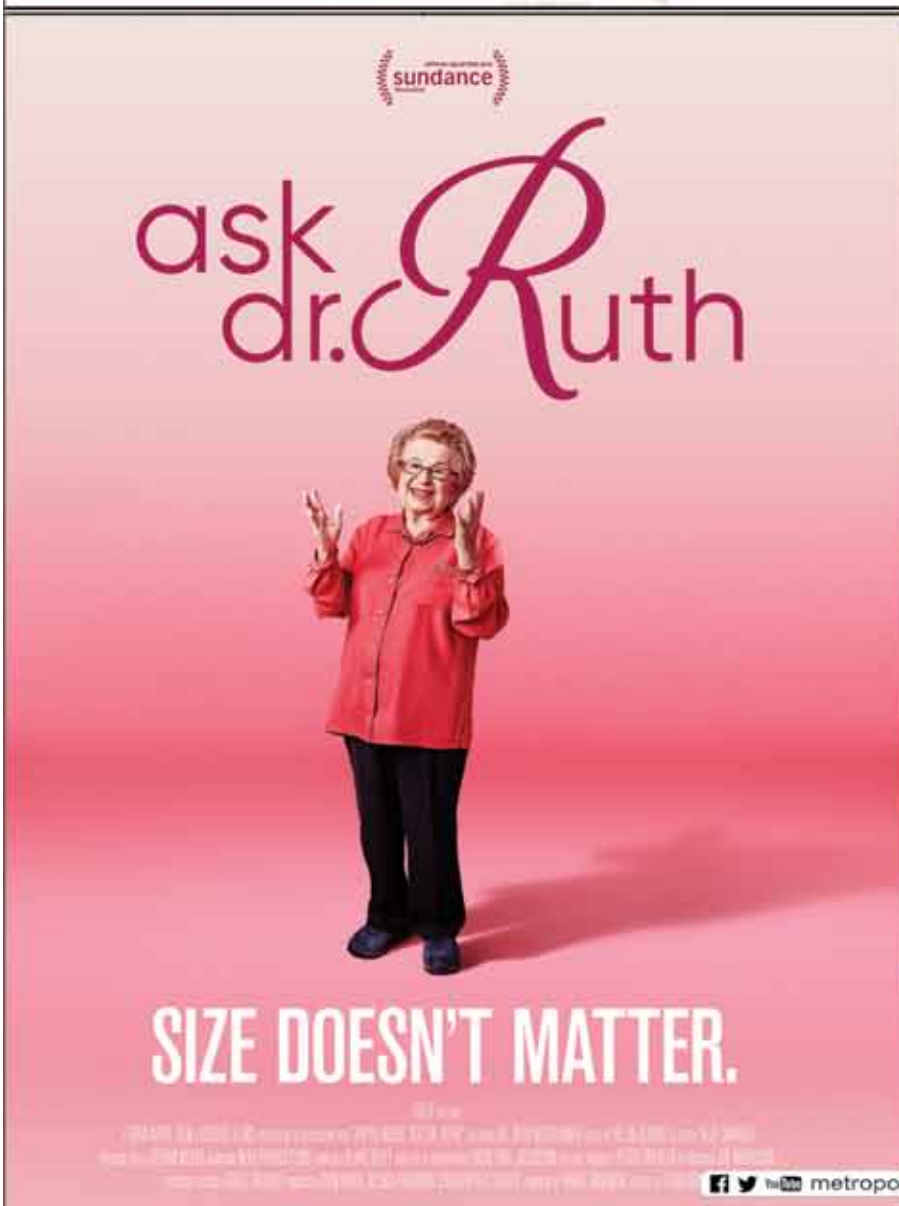
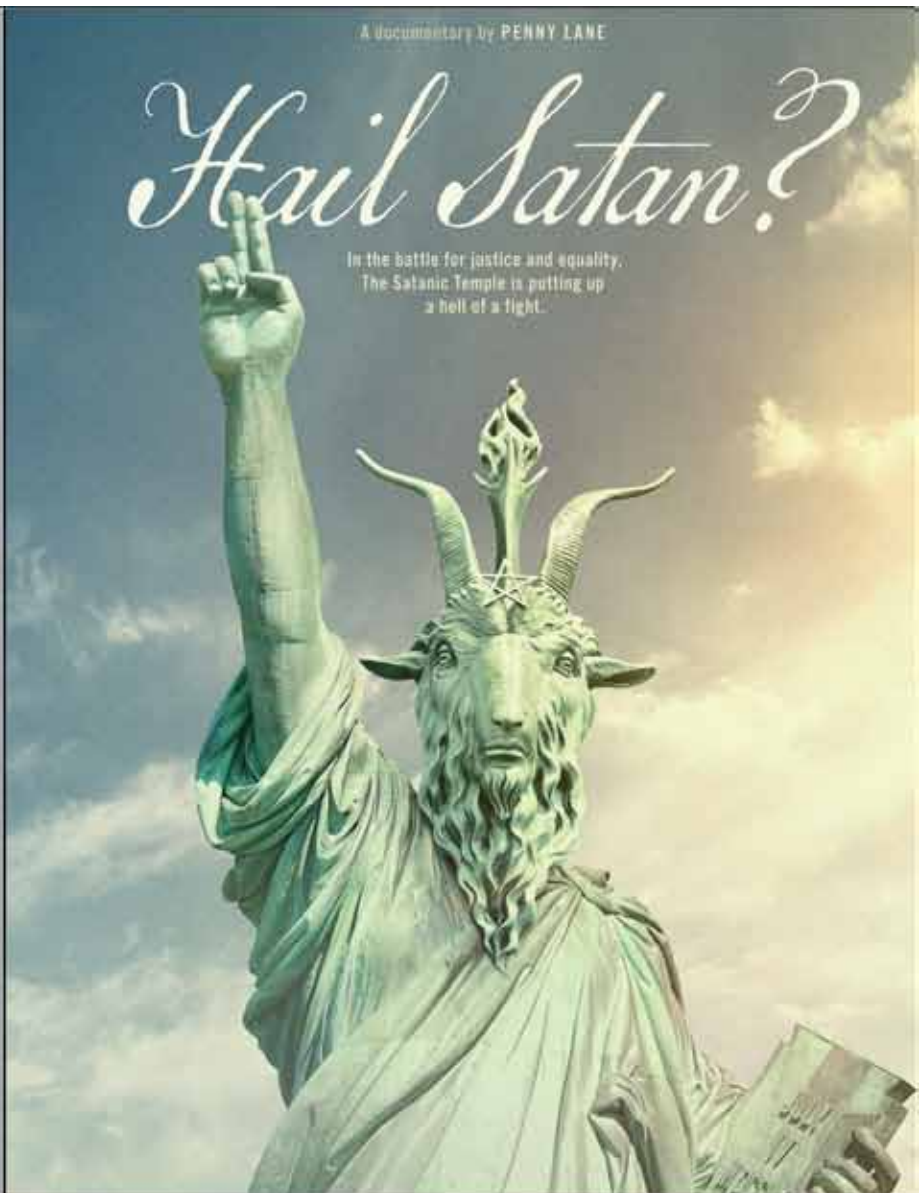
### Best Kitsch/Antique Store

- 1 Kitsch à l'os
- 2 Kitsch'n Swell
- 3 Marché aux Puces St-Michel
- 4 Marché Underground
- 5 Village des Valeurs

### Best Florist

- 1 Dragon Flowers
- 2 Westmount Flowers
- 3 Venus
- 4 Pourquoi Pas
- 5 Zen









"Kowabunga! Fugazzi Pizza in Pointe Ste-Charles is a big exclamation mark."—JP Miron, Best Chef #2, from Fugazzi, Best New Restaurant #3

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## Food & Drink

For a biting critique of some of the winners in the section that follows, please see our food editor Clayton Sandhu's Resto Wrongs article at the end of the issue. Here are some more neutral observations: The Southwest got a welcome pizza injection over the past year with the arrival of Rita and Elena, Best New Restaurant #1 and #2, respectively, with Fugazzi (#3) — in somewhat nearby Pointe Ste-Charles — completing a pizza triad in that category. Fugazzi/Bocata chef JP Miron, a contestant on the Food Network's *Top Chef Canada* last year, was voted #2 Best Chef, joining Joe Beef's Dave McMillan to unseat Beaver Sheppard and Antonio Park from the Top 5. And Ma Poule Mouillé got lots of support this year after a fire nearly destroyed the beloved Plateau Portuguese chicken spot, ranking #1 in Best Portuguese, #3 in Best Chicken and #5 in Best Cheap Eats.

### Best Chef

- 1 Danny Smiles
- 2 JP Miron
- 3 Chuck Hughes
- 4 Dan Geltner
- 5 Dave McMillan

### Best New Restaurant

- 1 Rita
  - 2 Elena
  - 3 Fugazzi
  - 4 Vin Mon Lapin
  - 5 Aux Vivres
- Westmount

### Best New Food Trend

- 1 Vegan/vegetarian
- 2 Poké Bowls
- 3 Pizza
- 4 None
- 5 Eating local

### Best Pub Grub

- 1 Ye Olde Orchard
- 2 Burgundy Lion
- 3 Bishop & Bagg
- 4 McKibbins
- 5 Else's

### Best Cheap Eats

- 1 Patati Patata
- 2 Boustan
- 3 Nilufar
- 4 Restaurant AA
- 5 Ma Poule Mouillé

### Best Pricey Eats

- 1 Joe Beef
- 2 Le Bremner
- 3 Tuck Shop
- 4 Damas
- 5 Au Pied de Cochon

### Best Late Night

- 1 La Banquise
- 2 Restaurant AA
- 3 Nouveau Palais
- 4 Boustan
- 5 Chez Claudette

### Best Breakfast/Brunch

- 1 Le Vieux Vélo
- 2 L'Avenue
- 3 Bagels Etc
- 4 Fabergé
- 5 L'Oeufrier

### Best Delivery

- 1 Uber Eats
- 2 Foodora
- 3 Skip the Dishes
- 4 GOLO
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- 4 Panthère Verte
- 5 Mandy's

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- 2 East Africa
- 3 La Khaima

- 4 Queen Sheba
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**Best Caribbean**

- 1 Lloydie's
- 2 Boom J's
- 3 Caribbean Curry House
- 4 Agrikol
- 5 Le Jardin du Cari

**Best Chinese**

- 1 Restaurant Beijing

- 2 Mon Nan
- 3 La Maison VIP
- 4 Kam Shing
- 5 Dragon de Chine

**Best Eastern European/Russian**

- 1 Stash Café
- 2 Euro Deli Batory
- 3 La Caverne Russe
- 4 Georgia
- 5 Baba Yaga Café

**Best French**

- 1 L'Express
- 2 Leméac
- 3 Le Pégasse
- 4 L'Atelier Joël Robuchon
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**Best Greek**

- 1 Milos
- 2 Marathon Souvlaki
- 3 Arahova Souvlaki
- 4 Restaurant Marven's
- 5 Rotisserie Panama

**Best Indian**

- 1 Bombay Mahal
- 2 Pushap
- 3 Punjab Palace
- 4 Atma
- 5 Chand Palace

**Best Italian**

- 1 Impasto
- 2 Elena
- 3 La Bottega
- 4 Nora Gray
- 5 Pizzeria Gema

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- 5 Otto Bistro

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- 2 Omma
- 3 Mon Ami
- 4 Chez Bong
- 5 Kantapia

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- 1 Bocadillo
- 2 Arepera
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**Best Mexican**

- 1 El Rey Del Taco
- 2 Tacos Frida
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- 5 3 Amigos

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- 3 Chu Chai
- 4 Thai Express
- 5 Pamika

**Best Pad Thai**

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- 2 Thai Express
- 3 Bangkok
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- 1 Chalet Bar-B-Q
- 2 Romados
- 3 Ma Poule Mouillée
- 4 Coco Rico
- 5 Côte St. Luc Bar-B-Q

### **Best Burger**

- 1 Uniburger
- 2 A&W
- 3 Chez Tousignant
- 4 Burger de Ville
- 5 Notre-Boeuf-de-Grace

### **Best Donut**

- 1 Léché Dessert
- 2 Trou de Beigne
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- 4 Krispy Kreme
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### **Best Fish and Chips**

- 1 Brit & Chips
- 2 Comptoir 21
- 4 Restaurant Ad Hoc
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- 1 Qing Hua
- 2 Sammi & Soupe Dumplings
- 3 Harbin
- 4 Mademoiselle Dumpling
- 5 Mai Xiang Yuan

### **Best Fries**

- 1 Frite Alors!
- 2 Patati Patata
- 3 McDonald's
- 4 Lafleur
- 5 A&W

### **Best Hot Dog**

- 1 Lafleur
- 2 Dirty Dogs
- 3 Montreal Pool Room
- 4 Belle Province
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- 1 Ma Poule Mouillée
- 2 Romados
- 3 Piri Piri
- 4 Chez Doval
- 5 Jano

**Best Pizza**

- 1 Adamo
- 2 Magpie
- 3 Bouquet
- 4 Gema
- 5 Elena

**Best Pho**

- 1 Pho Tay Ho
- 2 Pho Lien
- 3 Pho Bang New York
- 4 Pho Bac
- 5 Pho Viet

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- 3 Coco Rico
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- 5 Blackstrap

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- 1 Santropol
- 2 Aux Vivres
- 3 Clarke Café
- 4 Dagwoods
- 5 Bocadillo

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- 1 Le Bremner
- 2 Milos
- 3 Maestro SVP

**4 Le Festin du Capitaine**

- 5 Lucille's

**Best Shish Taouk**

- 1 Boustan
- 2 Amir
- 3 Basha
- 4 Sumac
- 5 Adonis

**Best Smoked Meat**

- 1 Schwartz's
- 2 The Main
- 3 Smoked Meat Pete
- 4 Snowdon Deli
- 5 Lester's

**Best Steak**

- 1 Moishes
- 2 The Keg
- 3 Gibbys
- 4 Joe Beef
- 5 L'Express

**Best Sushi**

- 1 Sushi Momo
- 2 Park
- 3 Saint Sushi
- 4 Jun I
- 5 Tri Express

**Best Taco**

- 1 Frida
- 2 La Capital Tacos
- 3 Tacos Tijuana
- 4 El Rey del Taco
- 5 Fortune

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- 1 Helen Papapanos
- Le Kichen
- 2 Pieiro
- Baristello
- 3 Simon-Pierre Caron
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- Dispatch
- 5 Tanisha Arthur
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### **Best Café (Place)**

- 1 Olimpico
- 2 Dispatch
- 3 Myriade
- 4 Nocturne
- 5 Velish

### **Best Coffee (Beverage)**

- 1 Dispatch
- 2 Myriade
- 3 Olimpico
- 4 Saint Henri
- 5 Starbucks

### **Best Teahouse**

- 1 Cardinal
- 2 Camelia Sinensis
- 3 Cha Noir
- 4 Griffon d'Or
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### **Best Chocolates/ Sweets**

- 1 Juliette et Chocolat
- 2 Chocolats Chloé

- 3 Lecavalier Petrone
- 4 Geneviève Grandbois
- 5 Leonidas

### **Best Ice Cream**

- 1 Kem Coba
- 2 Dalla Rose
- 3 Ripples
- 4 La diperie
- 5 Bilboquet

### **Best Fromagerie**

- 1 Hamel
- 2 Atwater
- 3 Bleu et Persillé
- 4 Copette et Cie.
- 5 Fougagerie

### **Best Organic Produce Store**

- 1 Tau
- 2 PA Nature
- 3 Chez Robin
- 4 Rachel Berri
- 5 Provigo

### **Best Vegetable/ Fruit Store**

- 1 Fruiterie Mile End
- 2 PA
- 3 Jean-Talon Market
- 4 Provigo
- 5 Adonis

### **Best Fishmonger**

- 1 La Mer
- 2 Falero
- 3 Odessa
- 4 Shamrock
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### Resto Wrongs

BY CLAYTON SANDHU

Once again the people of Montreal have cast their judgement on the many fine restaurants and foodstuffs that make this city great, and to nobody's surprise, the reviews were mixed, nobody can spell and people said some dumb shit. As is tradition, I thought I would weigh in and correct some of this year's resto wrongs.

**1** Chuck Hughes, Danny Smiles and J.P. Miron are not Montreal's greatest chefs. And guys, if you're reading this, no shade on you as chefs, but you know as well as I do that the greatest chefs working in Quebec today are probably Fred Morin, Dave McMillan, Martin Picard and Normand Laprise. These are the chefs who made Montreal the internationally recognized food town that it is. Garde Manger and le Bremner are wonderful restaurants, but being a great chef is about more than what goes on the plate, it's also about the imprint you leave on the world. Without a Fred, there's no Chuck.

**2** Veganism and vegetarianism are stupid food trends. I agree that we should all be eating less meat, but more importantly we should empower local farms and work on regenerative organic farming that nourishes the land. By eating at vegan restaurants that are shipping vegetables and soy from Mexico, California and Asia year-round, you're simply masquerading as an ally to the environment. Eating a more vegetable-forward diet makes sense — plant-based food is far more diverse than meat and in many ways more delicious. That said, come mid-January I'd rather be eating a steak from an ethically raised cow than a grain bowl full of imported avocados and bean sprouts. Caring about your food and knowing where it comes from is the best trend.

**3** Best Vietnamese, Caribbean, Middle Eastern etc. are not racist categories. It's a small amount, but voters in every nationally/regionally defined category are getting pissed off. If this is you, it's time to get off that high-horse. These are legitimate category headings for regionally specific cuisines. And what, you don't find this survey long enough already? Would you really have us make a "Best French Part of St. Martin" category? It's too specific.

That all said, the people also spoke with knowledge and wisdom and proved time and time again that we are a people of refined taste. St-Viateur bagel correctly reigns supreme, l'Express is resoundingly our best French restaurant, Joe Beef our finest pricey eat. And although I may disagree with a lot of you, I'm sure the feeling is mutual, and at the end of the day aren't we all just looking for something good to eat? So let's agree to disagree, and we can talk more about it over dinner.



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