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[123 mostly free activities light up  
the 5<sup>th</sup> Montreal All-Nighter, Saturday, March 1 to Sunday, March 2, 2008](#)

## **Join us for a journey to the end of night!**

**Montreal, Monday, January 21, 2008** — Almost 15 cities around the world now host their own All-Nighters. And for a 5<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, Montreal gets the party started! This year, the **Montreal All-Nighter**, presented by **Hydro-Québec** as part of the **MONTREAL HIGH LIGHTS Festival**, offers citizens and tourists no fewer than **123 activities** – most of them free! Visit exhibitions, attend shows, watch films, listen, dance, laugh and marvel into the wee hours. Join us on a fabulous journey to the end of night, **from Saturday, March 1 to Sunday, March 2**, and let's spend the night together!

### [Free shuttle service — including an all-new express route](#)

To help fans join in the All-Nighter fun, and travel at their own pace throughout the crazy scene, **four routes** have been set up to access most of the activities on the All-Nighter schedule. Once again this year, a **free shuttle service** in collaboration with the **STM** will run four interconnected lines with a total of **35 stops**. **From 8 p.m. to 6 a.m.**, the shuttles — linked in to **CIBL 101,5 Radio-Montréal** so nobody misses a beat — will leave **every 10 minutes** to connect revellers to activities and events in their respective sectors: the **Quartier Vieux-Montréal et Quais du Vieux-Port (#1)** (Old Montreal and the Old Port), **Quartier des spectacles Centre-Ville (#2)**, and the **Quartier Plateau-Mont-Royal (#3)**. **This year, we've added an express route** (with transfer points clearly indicated) to help revellers zoom from one sector to another.

### [Re-energize for the long night ahead at the Grande Raclette presented by Our Cheeses at Bonsecours Market](#)

Renowned for their flavour and quality, Quebec's cheeses have earned a place of pride on our tables. And there's no better way to appreciate them than at the **Grande Raclette presented by Our Cheeses**, on Saturday, March 1! It's the perfect way to re-energize before diving into the Montreal All-Nighter – and the more, the merrier! All participants will have the chance to win one of 10 gift packages including a **T-Fal** raclette grill and a selection of Quebec cheeses! **Saturday, March 1, 7:30 p.m. at Bonsecours Market; tickets on sale at Ticketpro.ca.**

### [Meet me on the site of the Hydro-Québec Celebration of Light!](#)

Once again this year, **Place Jacques-Cartier in Old Montreal** and the **Quays of the Old Port** are the heart of the Montreal All-Nighter, the meeting point for all fans, featuring a host of open-air attractions including the **Milk Slide**, the **Milk Jumpai**, the **Skating Rink and the Winter Bar of the Quays of the Old Port!** Also on the schedule: the **Loto-Québec Fireworks** and their magical panorama of lights and colours heralding the opening of the 5<sup>th</sup> Montreal All-Nighter, an **exhibition of photographs**, the **Hydro-Québec Performances**, and other new additions. While Montreal DJs and VJs take over the **AXA Give It Your Minimum Sphere**, driving fans wild with an extraordinary musical/visual sensorama, the **Bistro SAQ** and the **Milk Maple Syrup Kiosk** will remain open by popular demand until 3 a.m. on this special occasion.

### [Art lights up the night...](#)

The Montreal All-Nighter takes on a diverse array of forms and colours thanks to the wide range of downtown museums and galleries. Explore an unknown future imagined by the students of Université de Montréal (UdeM) with *16 architectures étranges pour 2108*, at **Galerie Monopoli**; the large-scale exhibition of media art, *Re-constitutions*, organized by **DHC / ART**; the high-tech *Digital Chile\_Road Show* at the **Société des arts technologiques (SAT)**; the *H2O – Miracolo* exhibition gathering 110 works by Italian designers and architects — and offering a glass of wine and cheese on the side! — with the support of the **Italian Cultural Institute** and the **Italian Trade Commission**, at the

**UQAM Centre de design.** Lose yourself amidst the toys, comic strips, photos, sculptures and paintings in **Galerie Boy'e**; take in the exhibition *Parcours* along with artistic and workshop demonstrations in **Galerie et Ateliers Graff**; open your eyes to *À l'œil nu* in the **Galerie d'art contemporain Visual Voice**; *Les cabinets d'aisance revisités* at **Arprim**; *Galerie I* and *Galerie II* at the **Centre d'exposition Circa**; and the *Dance-o-thon* at the **Galerie Joyce Yahouda**. Meanwhile, the **McCord Museum of Canadian History** and the **Redpath Museum** invite night owls to a Masked Ball and torchlit vist.

### [...while music keeps everyone moving from dusk to dawn](#)

The Montreal All-Nighter is also a feast for the ears! Strap yourself in for *Nuit d'enfer* featuring themes from a selection of horror films performed on the organ in the **St. James United Church**; lose yourself in songs from the Renaissance to modern times with the a capella vocal ensemble À Contre-Voix in the **Église Unie Saint-Jean**; take in the musical theatre of *Rage de chant* in **Théâtre du Nouveau Monde**; get an earful, literally, with *Plein les oreilles* and a show specially conceived by the **CHOQ FM** team at **Bistro Sanguinet de l'UQAM**; or sing and dance to the return of *La Movida de la Nuit blanche* in the **Club espagnol du Québec**. In a wholly different register, electronic music mavens will flock to **Métropolis** for the 5<sup>th</sup> edition of *La Nuit Électronik*, with two events featuring Chilean artists and two South American stars, while in the **Savoy du Métropolis**, *Piknic Électronik* and *MUTEK* showcase Montreal talents. **Tickets are available at 514-908-9090 or at [ticketpro.ca](http://ticketpro.ca).** Those who prefer their music with a little less voltage can head to **City Hall** for a Disco All-Nighter, or to **Studio Tango Montréal** to take the first challenging steps in this exotic Argentinian dance.

### [Quiet on the set!](#)

Are you more the indoor type? Cinemaniacs can count on plenty to love as the Festival screens its own filmfest! And most of them are free, or at budget prices: *A Night On Mars* at the **Montréal Planétarium**; *Fantasia* and the intense *Vie et mort du Petit chaperon rouge en 8 minutes ralenties* in **Place des Arts**; the return of *La nuit du SPASM* and its "best-of trash" to **Café Cléopâtre**; the touching documentary *Cinq ans sur le voilier Balthazar* at **Centre Pierre-Péladeau**; the first two seasons of the French cult hit *Les Shadocks* in the **Cinémathèque québécoise**; *At Night, Any Film Goes*, an event in the **CinéRobothèque** and the **NFB Cinema**; a long series of short films in Spanish gathered under the title *La Noche de los cortos* in **Cinéma du Parc**; an event blending projections and visual art in **Ex-Centris**; and the return of the Long Night of Shorts, this time in **O Patro Vvš**.

### [Laugh the night away... or take the stage!](#)

Meanwhile, at **Cabaret du Roy**, relive the days of Nouvelle-France with a play by Molière, laugh it up with four young comics in *La nuit, on rit !* at **Club Soda**, or march up St. Laurent Blvd. for three different shows in *Juste pour rire toute la nuit* at **Studio Juste pour rire**. The **Théâtre du Rideau Vert** offers up its stage with *Become an actor for a night* under the direction of Joël Legendre, while *Les Capteurs de rêves* demystify the workings of improvisation in *Improvisez la nuit* in **Théâtre Jean-Duceppe**.

### [Fascinating Performances](#)

All cats are grey in the dark... except when the All-Nighter shows their true colours! Experience the experimental with *Nuit de travail*, a tribute to night workers, *Lèche-vitrine*, an invitation to explore urban space with CDEx, as well as the enigmatic interactive exhibitions *Retracer la peinture* and *Miroir* at **UQAM**; the uproarious event *Dessine-moi une BD*, where the public witnesses the live creation of a gigantic comic strip while actor-musician Stéphan Côté lets the night inspire him in the **Grande Bibliothèque**. Meanwhile, the RUBBERBANDance Group invites us to follow them into the *Underworld* in the **Cinquième Salle in Place des Arts**; and a long version of the the exhibition *Stop* featuring a mobile installation created by two Montreal artists in the **Leonard & Bina Ellen Art Gallery**; and in a Canadian premiere, enjoy incredible caricaturist and protraitist Al Hirschfeld's multimedia installation *Hirschfeld and Houdini – Together Again!*, at the **Segal Centre for the Performing Arts at the Saidye**.

### [It's storytime...](#)

In **Pointe-à-Callière, the Montreal Museum of Archaeology and History**, storytellers will entertain the public with *Contes des nuits d'antan*, reliving the good old days of Nouvelle-France here in the venue that houses Montreal's history, and the exhibitions *1837-1838, Rebellions – Patriotes vs Loyalists* and *Where Montreal Was Born*. Les Productions du Diable Vert present the storyerller event *Paroissiens du Village Global* in **Église Sainte-Brigide**, while **Théâtre de l'Esquisse** invites us to savour *Passion et coquineries, paroles d'amour* and the **Grande Bibliothèque** presents a storyteller's ball with performers improvising a group tale featuring music, song and dance.

### [...with literature, poetry... and slam!](#)

Find more inspiration in the **Grande Bibliothèque**, when Francine Ruel shares her *Plaisirs partagés* — a tonic for the soul — and in the nocturnal event *Création sur la place publique*. Ten writers, poets, novelists and storytellers from Montreal and from across Québec read from their unpublished works, inspired by the night itself. In the same venue,

three emerging artists set their poetry to music, creating three new songs on the spot in *Si poésie m'était chantée*. They'll be followed by the venue's showstopper of the night, *Au son du slam, créez !*, inviting amateurs and professionals of this most visceral of poetic forms to share and create together onstage!

### [See \(and create\) the light!](#)

For one night only, the lighting installations of the **Quartier des spectacles** become interactive! Visit the Festival website for all the information. Suffice it to say, fans will be invited to take over the lighting controls to design their own light-and-colour shows on the spot!

### [...and join the madding crowd!](#)

Not everyone takes the All-Nighter so seriously... starting with the Frisbee champions showing off their skills in *Ultimate Frisbee in the Snow* on the **Quays of the Old Port**; those who contribute their blue jeans to the installation *Océan bleu* (and make a symbolic protest against human rights abuses in the textile industry) in **Gesù, Centre de créativité**; the singin' fools who join in *Live Karaoke* in **Place des Arts**, and all revelers who – what else? – *revel* in the *Défoulement collectif* in **La Petite Licorne**, or who don the finery of music's biggest stars and pose for their **photographic alter ego**, after witnessing the surprising exhibitions *3/3=1* and *Montreal "Pinhole" Portraits* at **Café-boutique Eva B**. Also on the slate: a walk through time with Les Amis de la montagne on **McTavish Reservoir**; a moonlit night in the **Montréal Biodôme** and at the **Tour de Montréal**; a musical event offered by **Oboro** including, among others, a solo in *musique concrète* featuring six pianos... but no pianists; an eclectic celebration of cultural identity at the **Centre d'histoire de Montréal**; and *Couturama*, a glimpse into live creation, at boutique **Scarlett**.

### [Nothing caps off a night out like a big breakfast!](#)

After an intense 5<sup>th</sup> annual All-Nighter, nothing hits the spot like breakfast, and beginning at 4:30 a.m., our night-owls are invited to the Grande-Place in **complexe Desjardins** for the **Convivial Breakfast presented by Milk**. The unique ambience will be the perfect tonic for our weary, hungry All-Nighter heroes still singing their night-song along to the music of **CIBL 101,5 Radio-Montréal**.

## **Get all the info on MONTREAL HIGH LIGHTS**

Of course, that's just a glimpse of the 123 activities set to illuminate our city **the entire night of Saturday, March 1 through to Sunday, March 2**. Get all the information on the 5<sup>th</sup> Montreal All-Nighter in the free guide available on the Festival site, in many Old Montreal businesses and at most Montreal tourist sites. You can also call the **HIGH LIGHTS Info Line** at 514-288-9955 or toll-free at 1-888-477-9955, or visit [montrealenlumiere.com](http://montrealenlumiere.com).

The 9<sup>th</sup> edition of the MONTREAL HIGH LIGHTS Festival takes place from **Thursday, February 21 to Sunday, March 2, 2008**. Don't miss it!

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