



## **MU INVITES YOUNG INUIT ARTISTS TO MONTREAL FOR THE CREATION OF A LARGE-SCALE MURAL**

Montreal, August 9th 2016 — **MU** is proud to welcome this summer the artistic collective Embassy of Imagination who came in Montreal to produce a mural in collaboration with the organization. The mural Qanuqtuurniq «Ingénieux et innovant» aims to create exchanges between Canadian cities and native communities, as well as to have as much impact as possible on the young artists' lives.



The mural is located at the Habitations Coupal (2360, Ontario East, at the corner of Dufresne), The imaginary and the drawings that constitute the mural all come from Johnny Samayualie, Parr Josephee, Saaki Nuna, Tommy Quvianaqtuliaq and Salomonie Ashoona, five young nunavummiut artists all aged between 13 and 17 years old. Toronto artists Alexa Hatanaka and Patrick Thompson are responsible of the final composition and the layout of the drawings that gives unity and a narrative meaning to the whole painting. The aesthetic, the inspiration and the meaning of the mural reflect the interests, preoccupations and the experiences of the young Nunavummiut and of the current young generation.

This project follows a 2015 mural, an unprecedented project realised by the Embassy of Imagination during the Pan Am Games in downtown Toronto, which was a huge success.

**MU's** general and artistic director, Elizabeth-Ann Doyle, said that she was very enthusiastic about the project: «This particular mural is extremely special for us, since it is part of a current rejuvenation movement of the artistic exchange between North and South », explains Mrs Doyle. « Furthermore, we are very motivated, knowing that this project will probably have a huge impact on the future lives of the artists. Art is a very viable career choice in Nunavut and especially in Cape Dorset, where Inuit art has a very long history and is know worldwide », Mrs Doyle adds.

The production of the mural took place from July 29th to August 5th. The dedication of the mural was this Tuesday August 9<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm.

### **About MU**

MU is a non-profit organization whose mission is to beautify the city of Montreal by creating murals that are anchored in local communities. For 10 years already, more than 80 murals have been created in 15 boroughs of Montreal.

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