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MU INAUGURATES A 4th MURAL CELEBRATING JAZZ IN LITTLE BURGUNDY, IN TRIBUTE TO DAISY PETERSON SWEENEY

Montreal, October 23, 2018 — **MU**, the charitable non-profit mural arts organization, inaugurated a new mural in the Sud-Ouest borough paying tribute the late great jazzwoman, Daisy Peterson Sweeney. The event took place in presence of Mme Sophie Thiébaud, borough councillor of Saint-Henri-Est–Petite-Bourgogne–Pointe-Saint-Charles–Griffintown district, Oliver Jones and a number of family and community members. This new public art piece is the latest addition to **MU**'s collection *Montreal's Great Artists*, an ambitious undertaking that has been a source of pride for the organization since 2010, highlighting the creative minds and forces of those who have made outstanding contributions to Montreal's cultural scene.

The mural was designed by Montreal artist Kevin Ledo, based on a photo taken by Tedd Church. A world-renowned portraitist, Ledo has previously collaborated with **MU** on a mural tribute to Janine Sutto, completed just before her death in 2016.

Located at 1791 rue St-Jacques, at the corner of Saint-Martin, this is the fourth mural in a series celebrating jazz and exploring Little Burgundy's musical heritage. Another large-scale **MU** mural in the neighbourhood, created in collaboration with Hydro-Québec, retells the history of Little Burgundy, birthplace of Montreal's jazz scene. Two additional murals honouring legendary jazzmen Oscar Peterson and Oliver Jones are located mere steps away.

"**MU** wanted to establish a theme in the heart of Little Burgundy, one that celebrates the founders of Montreal jazz, and we are extremely proud to be adding a woman to this series of exceptional artists. I am particularly fond of this collection because it invites a new generation of Montrealers to discover our local art and history" said Elizabeth-Ann Doyle, **MU**'s Executive and Artistic Director.

"We would like to thank **MU** for this new project. Little Burgundy now has four extraordinary murals that showcase our rich history. We must remember the vital contributions made by this talented musician, who motivated and accompanied some very gifted students, notably the great Oscar Peterson and Oliver Jones. We are still working towards finding a significant place to name after this amazing woman, one that will honour her memory," said Benoit Dorais, Sud-Ouest borough mayor and chairman of the Montreal Executive Committee.

"This is the 20th large-scale mural to go up on low-rent housing units in Montreal. These murals are a source of pride for tenants, employees and residents in the neighbourhoods where they exist. 2019 will mark the Office municipal d'habitation de Montréal's (OMHM) 50th anniversary and we are looking forward to continuing our collaboration with **MU**," said Danielle Cécile, Executive Director of the OMHM.

This mural, produced by **MU**, was made possible thanks to support from the Sweeney and Peterson families, the City of Montreal, the Sud-Ouest borough and the Office municipal d'habitation de Montréal (OMHM).

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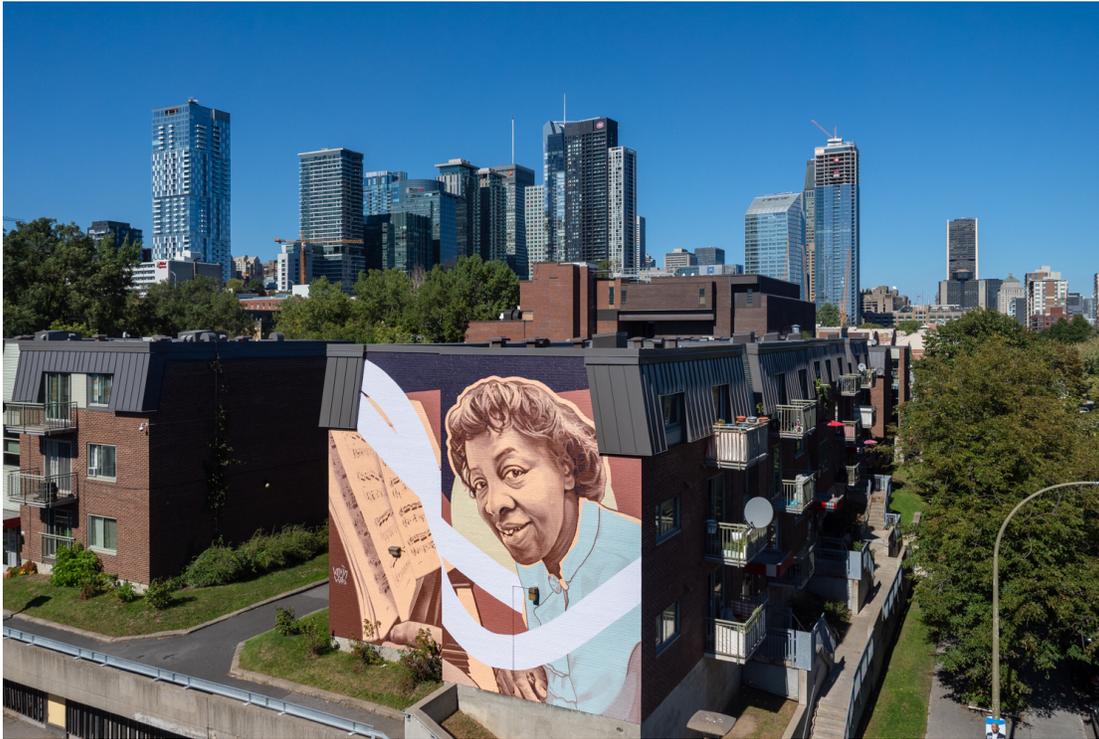


Photo by Olivier Bousquet

For photos of the mural's creation: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/sMVhK5z4KSuUoY4Z6>

About MU

MU is a charitable non-profit organization whose mission is to beautify the city of Montreal by creating murals that are anchored in local communities. At the heart of its approach is the desire to see and experience art on a daily basis, to trigger a social transformation and to turn Montreal into an open-air art **MU**useum! Since 2007, **MU** has produced more than 110 murals in 16 neighborhoods of the city, and over 300 community-youth murals. www.mumtl.org

About the Office municipal d'habitation de Montréal (OMHM)

The OMHM's mission is to improve the living conditions of low-income individuals and families by offering quality services and housing, while fostering their power of influence and action. Over 900 employees work together to accomplish the organization's mission, manage nearly 23,000 public and affordable housing units and over 10,000 rent supplement program units. The OMHM's operations are jointly financed by the federal and provincial governments, the Communauté métropolitaine de Montréal and the City of Montreal. The OMHM has been a trusted partner of **MU** since 2008, supporting the creation of murals on its buildings and encouraging the participation of its residents. www.omhm.qc.ca

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