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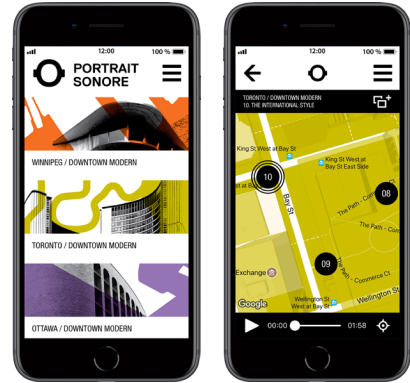
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A FREE APPLICATION OFFERING WALKING DOCUMENTARIES ON ART, HISTORY AND ARCHITECTURE IN GREAT CANADIAN CITIES

The app covers some **150 works** of art and architecture that read like an open book on the social, economic and environmental concerns of the people who built the country and left their mark on an era; some **100 experts** and creators; **40 original music pieces** and more than **20 hours** of information about **7 Canadian cities**.

This application tells the story of a modern country, where the arts, architecture and design hold a predominant place.



Available now for iPhone and android



For the past 10 years, the Montreal-based independent organization Portrait Sonore has been working on “pocket documentaries” dealing with architecture and public art, mainly from the modern era (1930–1970), and distributing them for free on its app. The range of works selected in each of the seven Canadian cities includes mainly buildings that bear witness to the architectural effervescence of the 1950s and 1970s, and that shaped the development of downtown areas. These bold and innovative works are seldom recognized as such, and are indeed unappreciated, disliked, or even threatened with demolition. These works help us better understand the cities of today. Although some often view our architectural past as rife with aesthetic blunders, they may come to appreciate the logic behind the creation of a particular building and the historical reasons for its existence.

Every day, we pass through neighbourhoods blind to the built environment. The Portrait Sonore walks, rich in sound textures and testimonials, are an extraordinary way to get to know and experience the city. They lead us into the heart of a neighbourhood, guided by information that connects buildings to the values and concerns they express and address. For those who take the time to walk and explore the city, the Portrait Sonore strolls offer a lively journey through history. What’s more, specially composed music adds new meaning to the works, demonstrating that they are not frozen in time.

[→ see musicians list annexed]

So far, Portrait Sonore has recorded a dozen walks in 7 cities across Canada, all found on the Portrait Sonore app. Together, they are the fruit of much labour and of multiple collaborations

throughout the country, with the participation of over 100 experts and creators. We’ve created an exceptional catalogue of recorded testimonials including those of the late Luc Durand, Melvin Charney, Bing Thom and others, who remain alive in our ears while we admire their work. What an honour it is for us to still be able to listen to them talk! They allow us to see the modernity of the urban landscape through their eyes, and convey to us their capacity to dream and to think the future.

[→ see interviewees list annexed]

And there is more

With the recent addition of our app for Leonard Cohen’s Montreal walk (produced by the CBC), Portrait Sonore has taken on a new challenge: producing new “biographical” experiences through which to discover the city.

Our app provides a standard of reference in Canada for a platform that spotlights creativity and breathes new life into our shared heritage by collaborating with contemporary artists. Our goal is to reveal meaning through art.

Finally, in addition to hosting the organization’s own projects, the Portrait Sonore platform is also designed to host content produced by third parties (museums, cultural organizations, municipalities, citizen initiatives, etc.). We can collaborate on, or supervise and host any project that enhances our knowledge about a neighbourhood, a piece of art, a monument, etc.

Have a nice walk !

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INTERVIEWEES

MODERN CANADA WALKS

MONTREAL

Paul-André Linteau
David Hanna
Aurèle Cardinal
Melvin Charney
Annie Lebel
Caroline Andrieux
Claudine Déom
Réjean Legault
Gilles Lauzon
Marc Choko
Adrian Sheppard
Guy Legault
Eric Gauthier
Jacques Keable

TORONTO

Christopher Armstrong
Michael McClelland
George Kapelos
Marie-Josée Therrien
Morden Yolles
John Martins-Manteiga
Phyllis Lambert
Ken Greenberg
Chris Pommer

OTHER WALKS

LATIN QUARTIER / 30 MURALS

Joséphine Bacon
Pascale Daigle
Elizabeth-Ann Doyle
Claude Deschênes
Alain Dufort
Dany Laferrrière
Robert Petrelli
Luc Saucier
Gene Pendon
Phillip Adams
Cyndie Belhumeur
Jason Botkin
Thomas Csano
Carlito Dalceggio
Dominique Desbiens
Peru Dyer
Hélène Fleury
Labrona
Corinne Lachance
Les Hommes de Lettres
Laurence Petit
William Patrick
Bruno Rouyère
Manon Ouellet

VANCOUVER

Donald Luxton
Rhodri Windsor-Liscombe
Bing Thom
Gregg Simpson
Peter Busby
Cornelia Hahn Oberlander

QUEBEC

Réjean Lemoine
Robert Lepage
Lucie Morisset
Fernand Tremblay
Serge Filion
Peter Soland

OTTAWA

David Geanes
Alain Miguelez
Gene Kinoshita
Nicolas Miquelon
Janine Debanné
Alistair Ross
Robert Smythe
George Beml
Sarah Gelbard
Barry Padolsky

WINNIPEG

Marc Vachon
Wins Bridgman
Marcella Poirier
Anishinaabe Elder
Dave Courchene
Frank Albo
Serena Keshavjee
Olivier Botar
Mel Michener
Sasa Radulovic
Jeffrey Thorsteinson

EXPO 67

Jean Dumontier
Yves Jasmin
Réjean Legault
Moshe Safdie
Yves Trudeau
France Vanlaethem
Jacques Languirand
Pauline Curien
Martin Racine
Julien Hébert
Alessandra Mariani

MONTREAL / LEONARD COHEN

(produced by the CBC)

Armand Vaillancourt
Morton Rosengarten
Chantal Ringuet
Stanley Hartt
Adrian King-Edwards
Magdalene Klassen
Gideon Zelermyer
Sean Michaels
Pierre Anctil
Philip Varvaro
Lenny Lighter
Kevin Ledo
Neema
Paulo Pereira
Simon Rosson
Steve Schreter

PUBLIC ART

Rose-Marie Arbour
Stanley Clifford Hunt
Francine Couture
Denis Hunter
Francine Lord
Leo Rosshandler
Robert Roussil
Harriet Senie
Yves Trudeau
Thérèse Vachon

GESÙ

Daniel LeBlond, SJ
Claude Gingras
Marcel Sabourin
Gilles Pelletier
Françoise Gratton
Jean-Sébastien Sauvé
Jacques Monet
Richard L'Heureux
Bernard Vadnais
François Zeitouni

MUSICIANS / ORIGINAL SCORES

James Cargill
Trio jazz
Montag
Jérôme Minière
Catherine Major
Diane Labrosse
Olivier Alary
Mad Eskimo
Alexis O'hara
Navet Confit
Boundary
Josée Lalonde

Catherine Leduc
Émilie Laforest (Forêt)
Dj Champion
Christophe Lamarche-L
Fond of tigers
Loscil
Leah Abramsom
Matthieu Beaumont
Ada Vale
Ken Lo
Sasha Ratcliff
Simon Tremblay

Michel Plamondon
Swedish Death Polka
Milimetrik
Fjóra Evans
Living Hour
Unicity
My Dad vs Yours
Math Rosen
Crush Buildings
Vitamins for you
Digits

COLLABORATORS IN EACH CITY

Sean Ruthen
Serena Keshavjee
Marc Vachon

Janine Debanné
Michael McLelland
France Vanlaethem

Réjean Legault
Martin Dubois
Steven Mannell

TEAM

Sophie Mankowski
Production, co-direction, research,
writing, scripting, interviewing and
content management

Serge Rhéaume
Visual and interactive design

Sébastien Nadon
Technological development
and programming

Antoine Bédard
Co-direction, design and sound editing,
musical direction and narration

Philippe Axelsen
Translation

Simon Tremblay
Collaboration, sound editing
and mastering

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