



*Spring, come
Sunshine
Warm up
Our toes!*

—Laurent Poliquin

7th edition of Auberge Madeleine's Benefit Concert



This March 27th, the singer-songwriter, Charlotte Cardin and La Bronze gave a show at the cabaret La Tulipe for the benefit of Auberge Madeleine to celebrate the 35th anniversary of our shelter.

Charlotte Cardin, spokesperson for Auberge Madeleine since 2016 gave special renditions of her successes, including a favoured song of her grandfather, "Les écharde". Her grandfather, Robert Goyer, Treasurer of the Auberge for more than twenty years, was especially moved by his granddaughter's performance. Once again, with her unique voice, original compositions and her irresistible charm, Charlotte captivated the audience.



A surprise guest, Aliocha, joined Charlotte to perform several duets, and with their combined talent and energy, they brought the house down. Charlotte even mentioned that one of Aliocha's compositions was her own very favourite song in the world.



On her part, La Bronze, accompanied by her pianist, made the place vibrate with her bursting energy. Her interpretation in Arabic of Stromae's "Formidable" was to my mind the highlight of her performance.

We wish to thank the Fordia Foundation, key anchor of the show and the following sponsors: Ivanhoe Cambridge; Caisse Desjardins du Quartier-Latin de Montréal; AXOR Experts-Conseils; Céleste Levure. We also thank the following people who helped make this event such a success: Lise Jean, Event Coordinator, Ginette

Marcotte, Luc Paquet and Patricia Paquet, members of the Finance Committee of the Auberge; Karine Bernard, Lydia Juliano and Billie-Prisca Giroux, engaged partners; Hélène, Elisa J. Monette, Suzanne Desmeules: volunteers; Anne Fourquier, Cheima Hassine, Adélie Bellemarre of Auberge.

Thanks to all these folks and the support of the audience, the event was a true success: 450 spectators and a revenue of 50 000\$.



Karine, Lydia et Billie-Prisca, bénévoles



Micheline Cyr, directrice of Auberge Madeleine



Carole Chatelet, MC

Thanks to you, our faithful donors

Times are difficult: female homelessness is worsening, the economic conditions for many women are deteriorating, the lack of affordable housing is the scourge of many poverty-stricken women, and the needs of service from Auberge Madeleine never cease to increase. **We thank you for your continued support of our mission.** This indispensable support allows us to remain a home where 26 women, in a state of itineracy, can live for a time. Thanks to this support, 250 women are welcomed annually, will be secure, fed and lodged. But, it is much more than that, it is a welcome with respect, tolerance, with a feminine outlook for validation of everyone's experience and capacity and where the slogan "**Stronger together**" is played out daily.

Thanks to your support, Auberge Madeleine remains a place where one can take back control of her life by taking advantage of competent accompaniment programs available from counsellors, settling certain problems, resetting priorities and having access to services. For example, going to the hospital with a counsellor, to feel more secure, to be understood and understand the directives of the doctors and nurses. Such was the case of Lucia, a young refugee, who had had to run away after being raped by a prominent man in her community. With her life in danger, she left her country, her family, her child. We can understand the importance of daily accompaniment in the necessary steps to be taken and the comfort of visits by Cristina, a counsellor, at the hospital when she had to be hospitalized. Accompaniment to the Department of Immigration, where everything seemed complicated and stressful to file a request for political asylum as well as the equally essential course to obtain assistance from social welfare. Teamwork with the allies of Auberge Madeleine to gain knowledge of these rights will help Lucia with her integration in Montreal.



Cylvie Gingras

After their stay, Auberge Madeleine, for many, remains a lifeline, an anchor, the only house, the only home to find comfort. To know that 24 hours a day, there is always someone at the end of the line for us is totally assuring, mentions ex-resident, Cylvie Gingras "Whenever I am in the neighborhood, I visit those who became my true friends. ... I know that if a catastrophe in my life happened tomorrow, you would be there. These bonds of friendship and affection are quietly interwoven between us to endure. This unconditional love from all of you, the women of Auberge Madeleine, gives each of you a place in my heart. A thousand thanks for showing me to believe in you, in myself and above all, in life."

After 35 years and more than 9,800 stays, the Auberge remains forever a story of heartfelt caring and necessity.

A profound thanks for allowing this home to follow its mission.

« Women's Words »

A series of video capsules commemorate the 35th anniversary of Auberge Madeleine

With the concert, we took advantage of the occasion to present the first video capsule of "Women's Words" commemorating 35 years of the Auberge. It was Mrs Sophie Bisson, ex-resident and now a member of the Board of Directors of the Auberge who gave the presentation. "Women's Words", these are six video capsules created specially for the 35th anniversary of Auberge Madeleine with thanks to Oeuvre Léger Foundation for their financial participation. The testimonial words here are handed over to the women. Fourteen women in total, placed opposite each other in five capsules. They respond to the questions posed in their own way, according to the lives they have lived, and bring a multifaceted outlook upon the reality of women united by Auberge Madeleine.

Throughout the capsules, in a sort of desired melange, it becomes more and more difficult to tell them apart. All labels fall by the wayside. Director, residents, president, counsellor...we no longer know exactly who is who. Surely, because they are, above all, women who, to our enjoyment, meet, call out, question, with pleasure and complicity, about the way they perceive and live "their" Auberge Madeleine.

Thus, «Women's Words» is held outside the framework of roles and titles, outside of this ladder so often overwhelming, which dictates, while limiting it, our relationship with the world and one another. Between these capsules and by the sheer force of their joint words, what these ten women are going to create amongst themselves are bridges, windows, pathways, all an architecture of exchange seen to be inclusive, in the image of Auberge Madeleine for 35 years.

I hope I have given you a taste to see "Women's Words" for yourselves. The capsules will be available on the internet site and Facebook page of the Auberge in the coming months.

I leave you now with a small thought: "To be there is to love".

An immense thanks for being there...and a long life to Auberge Madeleine!

Sophie Bisson



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