



**The Board of Trade of Metropolitan Montreal  
honours 26 remarkable women**

**The art of success**

**Montreal, May 6, 2004** – Tonight, as part of its 16th annual *Tribute to exceptional women* Gala, the Board of Trade of Metropolitan Montreal pays homage to twenty-six women whose boldness and commitment have allowed them to carve out a place of choice for themselves in their sector of activity. This Gala is a prestigious annual event organized by the Board of Trade to celebrate the contributions of such women.

“Tonight, the Board of Trade is proud to pay tribute to these twenty-six exceptional, authentic women of mind and heart, who, in their respective spheres of activity, have distinguished themselves through their extraordinary careers and accomplishments. Through their vision, their determination, and their passion, they have helped roll back the frontiers of success. They are a source of inspiration to all women of talent, and we are proud to be able to publicly recognize their remarkable contributions to the progress of our society,” declared Benoit Labonté, president and CEO of the Board of Trade of Metropolitan Montreal.

The Board of Trade is proud to pay tribute to these remarkable women:

**CHRISTIANE BERGEVIN**

President  
SNC-Lavalin Capital Inc.

**ISABELLE BETTEZ**

President and chief executive officer  
8D Technologies Inc.

**ANNIE BLANCHARD**

Vice-president  
Transbord Inc.

**EMMANUÈLE COUSINEAU**

Chairman of the Board  
Oberthur Gaming Technologies Inc.

**DIANE DE COURCY**

President  
Commission scolaire de Montréal

**ANNE DESJARDINS**

Chef and co-owner  
Hotel-Restaurant L'Eau à la Bouche

**ARIANE ÉMOND**

Executive director  
Culture Montréal

**NATHALIE FAGNAN**

Vice-president and chief executive officer  
Publicis Canada Inc.

**DENISE FILIATRAULT**

Director, film maker and producer

**LISE FOURNEL**

President and chief executive officer  
Destina.ca

**MARIOUCHE GAGNÉ**

President-designer  
Harricana par Mariouche

**MARIE-JOSÉE GAGNON**

President  
CASACOM

**MITSOU GÉLINAS**

Vice-president  
Groupe Dazmo

**CÉLINE LACERTE-LAMONTAGNE**

Judge  
Court of Quebec – Criminal division

**MARIE-CLAUDE LALANDE**

Assistant vice-president and senior counsel  
Sun Life Financial

**HÉLÈNE LAURENDEAU**

Nutritionist, moderator and author

**JOSÉE LAVIGUEUR**

President  
Productions Josée Lavigueur Inc.

**DOMINIQUE LEVESQUE**

Vice-presidente – Operations, Eastern Canada  
Protectron Inc.

**SŒUR ANDRÉE MÉNARD**

Executive director  
PROMIS (Promotion – Intégration – Société Nouvelle)

**HELEN MISTAK**

Receptionist  
Board of Trade of Metropolitan Montreal

**HEATHER MUNROE-BLUM**

Principal and vice-chancellor  
McGill University

**JAMIE ORCHARD**

Senior anchor and news editor  
Global News

**EMMA RISA**

Founder, owner and chef  
Restaurant Da Emma

**DENISE ROBERT**

**Producer**  
Cinémaginaire Inc.

**MONELLE SAINDON**

Journalist  
Le Journal de Montréal

**MÉLANIE TURGEON**

World downhill ski champion

The biographical notes and photos of these remarkable women are available on the Board of Trade's Web site: <http://www.btmq.qc.ca/gala>

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*The Board of Trade of Metropolitan Montreal has some 7,000 members. Its primary mission is to represent the interests of the business community of the Greater Montreal region and, as a contributing and responsible player, to promote the economic development of the urban area. Encompassing three specialized services ( Info entreprises, the Electronic Commerce Institute and World Trade Centre Montréal ) that serve merchants and businesses of all sizes throughout Quebec and Canada, the Board of Trade is Quebec 's leading private economic development organization.*

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