Montréal, April 18, 2019 – On this UNESCO International Day for Monuments and Sites, the city, in collaboration with Héritage Montréal, unveils the programming of Opération patrimoine Montréal (OPM) 2019.

This annual event proposes various activities, celebrating architecture, landscapes, archeology, and knowledge that are part of both the material and immaterial heritage of our city.

Grands Prix de l’OPM
The city launches a call for candidates among citizens in order to highlight places, projects, people and organizations that contribute to the wealth and diversity of Montréal’s identity. Starting on June 14th, it will be possible to file for nomination for one of the following five categories: Care, Revitalization, Know-how, Spotlight and Collective action.

Vote for your favorite spots
Until June 14th, you may vote for your favorite spot on the OPM site. Boroughs and reconstituted municipalities have selected public spaces for their exceptional heritage value. These locations are listed below:

- Belvédère Kondiaronk (Ville-Marie borough)
- Place de la Gare-Jean-Talon (Villeray–Saint-Michel–Parc-Extension borough)
- Parc de l’Hôtel-de-Ville (Town of Baie-d’Urfé)
- Parc Lahaie (Plateau-Mont-Royal borough)
- Parc Marie-Claire-Kirkland-Casgrain (LaSalle borough)
- Parc Molson (Rosemont–La Petite-Patrie borough)
- Parc René-Lévesque (Lachine borough)
- Parc Wilfrid-Bastien and Maison Joseph-Gagnon (Saint-Léonard borough)

Patrimoine en fête 2019 | De la ville à la rivière, au fil de l’eau, au fil du temps
The Patrimoine en fête heritage celebration will take place on Saturday, May 25th, from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m., at the 2018 winning location, the Parcours Gouin reception pavilion, in Ahuntsic–Cartierville. This will be the opportunity to discover, through tours, workshops and conferences the influence of the natural and landscaping context on the urban development of this part of Montréal’s territory, located on the shores of the Rivière des Prairies.
"I would like to extend my invitation to my fellow citizens to participate in great numbers in the Opération patrimoine Montréal. This is a wonderful opportunity to get to know and encourage artisans, owners and municipalities who take action in an effort to enhance and preserve the heritage identity of our metropolis. I also hope that the celebration day will attract as many people as possible this May 25th, in the beautiful heritage site that was very carefully set up in keeping with our borough’s history. This is a site I am particularly proud of!” said Émilie Thullier, executive committee member in charge of heritage, and mayor of Ahuntsic-Cartierville.

“Héritage Montréal is proud to see how this event, created as Opération Patrimoine Montréal more than 25 years ago, has grown in size and in beauty to highlight our city’s heritage as an asset and a distinctive trait for Montréal and its neighborhoods, and to acknowledge the contribution of our citizens in its preservation and enhancement. We are also thrilled to be partners of Patrimoine en fête, a day filled with festivities meant to highlight the wealth of our heritage in its vast diversity! In 2019, this celebration at the Parcours Gouin reception pavilion provides an opportunity to discover Ahuntsic-Cartierville borough, a place where former villages and remarkable buildings punctuate the landscape of the Rivière des Prairies. I look forward to seeing you there!” says Dinu Bumbaru, policy director for Héritage Montréal.

To participate in the Grands Prix de l’OPM contest, vote for your favorite place, or to find out more about the Patrimoine en fête programming, go to: operationpatrimoine.com.