Heidi Hollinger and Luka

Internationally acclaimed Montreal photographer Heidi Hollinger who is renowned for her unconventional portraits of Russian politicians is happier than ever. She was selected to photograph the marriage of the year in Canada between Justin Trudeau and Sophie Grégoire, her fine art photography gallery Hollinger Collins (in partnership with Anthony Collins) is booming and her photography studio is completely booked with Quebec’s brightest stars. But to top it all off, she is 6 months pregnant with a baby boy who will likely be called Antoine. Heidi and her fiancé Marc-André Lavoie have just bought a house in Westmount not far from Heidi Hollinger Studio which is situated at 4928 Sherbrooke St. West. Heidi has a son Luka age 4½.

www.hollingercollins.com (gallery)  www.heidihollinger.com (studio)

Harry Potter and J.K. Rowling

J.K. Rowling -

The fans of Harry Potter can hardly wait for the date of July 16. Author J.K. Rowling will reveal his new work then, in English language, Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince, the sixth and the last but one of the series. Several Canadian bookshops organized evenings so that on the blow of midnight, the fans can get the book and celebrate launching. Two Internet sites are very interesting to visit, the official one of the author and another, nonofficial, but very respected by Rowling itself, who invited its creator to London for a one hour interview Saturdays July 16. The history of Rowling is a beautiful example of perseverance in spite of the rejections and the difficulties of her beginning.

www.jkrowling.com  www.mugglenet.com

Women of Quebec

Exhibition La Part des Femmes-

La Part des Femmes is an exhibition presented by the Société de promotion du canal de Lachine located at the south-west of the Island of Montreal. The concept of the exhibition is around 8 sites dispersed in the districts bordering the channel of Lachine. In all, 48 giant billboards were installed, in the form of cylinders, emblematic of the factory chimney of the industrial time of the region, emphasizing images of women who marked the history of Quebec and in particular the geographical sector of the channel of Lachine. Names go from Marguerite Bourgeoys, Gabrielle Roy, Lise Payette, Phyllis Lambert, Dominique Michel, Diane Dufresne and others. The exhibition marks the 180e anniversary of the channel.

www.canaldelachine.com

Francesca Gagnon and the Cirque du soleil

Francesca Gagnon

The famous voice of Alegria of the Cirque du Soleil, offers his new personal CD to us. HYBRID is a mixture of music and of sonority of the world. The singer uses her voice and a language invented to transport us in an imaginary world. The fans of Francesca Gagnon will adore. The singer succeeded in creating a very interesting album where fusion between her voice and the music are exceptional. Jean Delorme, the creator of the music of Gilles Carle and Chloé Ste Marie is a co-producer of the album. The album took two years to be made. According to Francesca, she wanted to transport us in a world where the language exists on a universal level without any border of race, country or words.

www.francescagagnon.com
Chantal Vieuille

The Complicités editions were started by the writer Chantal Vieuille in 1991 in Paris. With the passing of years, the publisher developed a catalogue of book of a hundred titles around several collections where art mixes with the literature. The Complicités editions are present in bookshop in France, Europe and in Canada but also developed a network of direct sales, via the printed catalogue or commercial Website. Since 1997, the Complicités editions whose registered office is always established in Paris, settled close to Grignan (between Avignon and Montélimar) to the foot of the hill where the Comptesse of Sévigné wrote some of her famous letters. The French-speaking writers are increasingly numerous to propose projects referring to art, history art or contemporary art. The Complicités editions also has a contemporary Art gallery. We can see some of works on internet site:

www.editions-compilites.com

Accompaniment with the birth

Sylvie Thibault and Isabelle Roy

In Quebec, the accompaniment with the birth has existed for more than 20 years. In France, this type of service starts to develop. Which bringing together can we make between the North-American experiment and the European situation? The enterprise Mère & Monde created a program of accompaniment so as to benefit best from the two worlds between the public system of conventional Medicine and the system known as alternate Medicine. How the French woman can benefit from the Quebec experiment? Here is the subject of a workshop that will present Sylvie Thibault, the president of Mère & Monde, and Isabelle Roy, journalist specialized in family questions, at the House of the Women of Montreuil in Paris, next 28 June. http://doulas.info - www.mereetmonde.com

Memory of the past....

Black and White Print film

Technology revolutionizes our life daily. Unfortunately that involves also the disappearance of some of our activities. It is thus in photography. With the invasion of digital, the photographs on films are in the process of disappearance. Several professional photographers simply threw to the dustbins their films in inventory to concentrate on the digital photograph. KODAK has just reached another step in this direction: it will cease producing photographic paper for the black and white print at the end of 2005. The company will continue the production of films and the chemicals for the black and white print. www.kodak.com

Concerts in the open air

Financière Sun Life will be once again be present in the estival programming of the downtown area of Montreal. The musical programming which is at its eighth season, consists of spectacle in the open air every Wednesday between 12 PM and 1 PM, in the Public garden Square Dorchester (street Metcalfe, angle Rene Lévesque). It is a committee of ten employees of Financière Sun Life which chose ten artists who will take share with the estival series 2005. Bob Walsh started the season and Francesca Gagnon will be there August 17. www.sunlife.ca

The reflexion of Miss X

"The horse.....the best friend of the woman."

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