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The Rights and Freedoms Prize 2009: focusing on the rights of children and youth

This year, to mark the 20th anniversary of the *Convention on the Right of the Child*, the Commission des droits de la personne et des droits de la jeunesse, wishes to recognize the exceptional achievement and commitment of individuals or groups working to defend and protect the rights of children and youth.

The *Rights and Freedoms Prize* is awarded on a yearly basis by the Commission des droits de la personne et des droits de la jeunesse.

This year's prize is a public recognition of exceptional achievement or commitment to the defence of children rights and freedoms and of the rights of youth.

The *Rights and Freedoms Prize*, which is symbolized by the work of a Québec artist, is attributed on the anniversary of the adoption, by the United Nations General Assembly of the *Universal Declaration of Human Rights*, on December 10.

THE RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS PRIZE 2009 IS AWARDED TO:

- a person, or a group of persons, whose leadership or significant commitment in the general area of children rights and freedoms or of the rights of youth, has resulted in significant achievement or activities;
- an organization (a private or public corporation such as a business or a municipality) whose achievement or leadership in the defence of children rights and freedoms or of the rights of youth deserves mentioning.

The prize can be awarded posthumously to a person.

LAURÉATES FOR THE PAST 10 YEARS

2008

The Honourable Juanita Westmoreland-Traoré of the Québec Court in recognition of her unfailing support in the fight against discrimination.

2007

Mr. Laurent McCutcheon in recognition of his commitment to the defence of the rights of sexual minorities.

2006

Mr. André Paradis
For his exceptional commitment to the defence of human rights and freedoms

2005

Coalition pour le maintien dans la communauté (COMACO)
Group of organisations dedicated to the protection of the rights of elderly people

2004

Espace Outaouais
For its work towards the prevention of violence against children

2003

Ms Lorraine Doucet
Service Accès Scolaire of the Regroupement pour la trisomie 21

2002

Mr. François Saillant
Coordinator of the Front d'action populaire en réaménagement urbain (FRAPRU)

2001

Father Emmett (Pops) Johns
Founder and facilitator of organizations dedicated to the assistance of homeless youth

1999

Learning Disabilities Association of Québec (LDAQ)

1998

Ms Martha Bishop
For her exceptional commitment to the defence of the rights of persons living with mental illness

Ms Monique Sioui (posthumously)
For her exceptional commitment to rebuilding the social fabric within native communities

1997

Ms Lucie Lemieux-Brassard
Outgoing President of the Confédération des organismes de personnes handicapées du Québec (COPHAN)

2000

On the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the adoption of the Québec *Charter of Human Rights and Freedoms*, special edition of the Prize, awarded to the “pioneers” of the Charter:

Mr. Maurice Champagne (posthumously)
Mtre Jérôme Choquette
Mr. Léo Cormier (posthumously)
Mtre Paul-André Crépeau
Mtre Jacques Desmarais
Ms Lisette Gervais (posthumously)
Ms Aline Gobeil
Mtre Daniel Jacoby
Ms Monica Matte
Mtre André Morel
Mtre Fernand Morin
Mtre Jacques Yvan Morin
Mtre Robert Normand
Ms Monique Rochon
Mr. Jean-Louis Roy
Mtre René Saint-Louis
Mtre Francis Reginald Scott (posthumously)
Mtre Jacques Tellier

NOMINATION REQUIREMENTS

The activities justifying the nomination must have taken place in the Province of Québec or have benefited groups or persons living in the Province of Québec.

In order to be eligible, a nomination must be related to:

- a specific activity that has taken place during the year;
- a series of achievements spread over a longer period and showing an outstanding commitment in the general area of human rights and freedoms and of the rights of youth;

This activity or these achievements must demonstrate exemplary commitment towards the defence of children rights and freedoms or the rights of youth.

One can submit one's own nomination, or be nominated by a person, a group of persons or an organization.

The members and the staff of the Commission des droits de la personne et des droits de la jeunesse cannot be nominated.

NOMINATING PROCEDURE

1. The form below must be filled out and submitted, along with any document that will help the Selection Committee in making a fair appraisal of the nomination.
2. Relevant biographical information must be included, whenever a person is nominated. In the case of organizations, information concerning the actions of such organization must be included.
3. All nominations must be submitted on paper, **in triplicate**.
 - Only one appendix (maximum 10 pages) may be submitted with the nomination form.
 - The public reputation of a person can never be a substitute for a well-documented presentation.
 - The nominee's dossier must not contain any audio-visual material.
 - Whenever possible, the agreement of the nominated person or organization must be obtained before submitting the nomination.
 - Any nomination that does not respect the above will be dismissed.

THE SELECTION COMMITTEE

The Selection Committee for the *Rights and Freedoms Prize* is made up of three persons chosen for their interest and their commitment towards children rights and freedoms or rights of youth. Each year, the members of the Selection Committee are chosen by the Commission des droits de la personne et des droits de la jeunesse.

The Selection Committee reviews the nominations, determines their eligibility, and selects the laureate.

Access to the nomination files is strictly limited to the members of the Selection Committee and the Secretariat of the Prize. Such files will be destroyed after the attribution of the Prize.

DEADLINE

Nominations must be submitted **before Friday, September 18, 2009**, as evidenced by the postmark. Nominations may also be deposited to the Head Office of the Commission, in Montréal, **before 4:30 P.M. on September 18, 2009**, as evidenced by the reception stamp.

No nomination shall be accepted after that date.

INFORMATION

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NOMINATION FORM

This form may be downloaded on your computer and completed on screen. It is important to answer the four questions. Note: there is no space limit to the answers to questions 3 and 4.

1. NOMINEE

Name (Person or organization)

Name (Representative of the organization, if applicable)

Address (Complete address, including the postal code)

Telephone (Daytime)

Area code:	Number:	Extension:
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Telephone (Evening)

Area code:	Number:
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Title, profession or main activity

2. SPONSOR (if applicable)

Name (Person or organization)

Name (Representative of the organization, if applicable)

Address (Complete address, including the postal code)

Telephone (Daytime)

Area code:	Number:	Extension:
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Telephone (Evening)

Area code:	Number:
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Fax

Area code:	Number:
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E-mail

3. ACHIEVEMENT(S)

The *Rights and Freedoms Prize* can be awarded in recognition of an activity or a lifetime achievement related to the defence of the rights of children and of the rights of youth.

Please select one of these options:

☐ an activity

or

☐ a lifetime achievement

Describe the activity or the lifetime achievement for which the *Rights and Freedoms Prize* for 2009 should be awarded (specify the period covered by the activity or the achievements).

Description:

4. REASONS JUSTIFYING THE ATTRIBUTION OF THE PRIZE

Describe the reasons for which the Prize should be attributed to the person or the organization nominated.

Description:

PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION OF THE NOMINEE'S DOSSIER

Once completed, the above form must be saved and then printed.

This form and accompanying documents must be forwarded to the Commission:

- by mail,
- on paper, in triplicate,
- by Friday September 18, 2009,
- to the following address:

Commission des droits de la personne et des droits de la jeunesse
Secretariat of the *Rights and Freedoms Prize*
C/O Mr Sylvain Archambault
360, rue Saint-Jacques, 2^e étage
Montréal (Québec) H2Y 1P5

CHECKLIST (Documents required)

- ☐ Nomination form, duly completed
- ☐ Biographical information of the nominee
- ☐ Any other document permitting the Selection Committee to make a fair evaluation of the nominee
- ☐ Documents, on paper, in triplicate