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Research Information Letter and Consent Form

Transformations of Montreal's Drag Scene

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Dear participant,

We are inviting you to take part in a research project. Before doing so, please take the time to read, understand, and carefully consider the following information.

We encourage you to ask any questions you may have and request clarifications for any terms or details that are unclear. The purpose of these documents is to inform you of your rights as a research participant.

1. The objective of this research is to explore your **professional experiences and opinions to better understand the main challenges and transformations in Montreal's drag scene.**
2. Your participation will involve an **individual interview lasting approximately 75-90 minutes** with the lead researcher. The interview will take place via Teams or at the Centre UCS-INRS campus, according to your preference. It will focus on your experiences and opinions of the drag scene as a professional working in the field. The interview will cover various aspects of your professional experiences and opinions (career path, knowledge of the industry and key actors, sources of funding, industry transformations, relations with audiences, cultural policies, etc.). The collected information will be used to produce scientific contributions (articles in academic journals, academic conferences, books or book chapters, etc.).
3. By sharing your professional experiences and opinions, you will contribute to a better understanding of the main issues and transformations currently affecting the drag scene in Montreal. The collected data will be useful in determining the role of drag art within Quebec's cultural industry and in identifying strategies to make Quebec's cultural policies more inclusive of drag artists. The interview does not expose you to any risks beyond those

encountered in your daily life. Your participation in the research will remain confidential, and your remarks will remain anonymous throughout the study, including in any resulting publications.

4. The main inconvenience is the time required for participation. A financial compensation of \$120 CAD will be offered (via e-Interac transfer).
5. The interview questions will focus on your professional opinions and experiences. These questions are not expected to cause strong negative emotions (sadness, anger, distress, etc.). However, if needed, you may contact Interligne, an LGBTQ+ support line, at 514-866-0103 or via interligne.co.
6. If there are any questions that you cannot or prefer not to answer, you are entirely free to skip them without providing a reason and without any inconvenience or negative consequences. As a voluntary participant, you have the option to withdraw at any time and to request the removal of your data/responses up to two months after your interview.
7. Data confidentiality will be ensured as follows: All collected information will remain strictly confidential, within the limits of the law. Only the necessary information required to meet the scientific objectives of this project will be collected. Your name will be replaced with a pseudonym during transcription to protect your anonymity. Once transcribed, the interviews will be stored in password-protected files. The code key linking your name to your research file and the transcriptions themselves will only be accessible to the project lead and research team members.
8. The information collected in this study will be published and shared through scientific publications and presentations (conferences, symposiums, articles, books, reports, etc.), as well as knowledge-sharing activities with the general public (workshops, roundtables, informational booklets, etc.) starting in Spring 2024. You may contact the principal researcher at any time via email to access these resources.
9. When results are disseminated, no information will directly identify you or individuals you mention. However, despite precautions, there is a small risk of indirect identification by a third party. Rest assured that all possible measures will be taken to minimize this risk (e.g., modifying personally identifiable details such as locations, dates, etc.).
10. The interview may take place via Teams (audiovisual recording) or in person at UCS-INRS, 385 Sherbrooke Street East, Montreal (audio recording). Recordings will be deleted as soon as the transcriptions are completed and anonymized. Transcriptions and identifying data will be retained for 7 years after the study ends. The collected data will only be used for this study and will not be shared for any other purposes. After 7 years, all transcriptions and identifying data will be permanently deleted using secure document destruction software.
11. If you wish, you may request access to the anonymized transcription of your interview to review and validate the information.

You will find **two (2) copies** of the **consent form** attached. If you agree to participate in this study and to take part in an individual interview, please **sign the form**. Before signing, you may ask the principal researcher any additional questions about the study. You may also

contact the **INRS Research Ethics Committee**, which can provide information about your rights as a research participant.

We sincerely appreciate your collaboration.

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I have read the research detailed in the information letter.

I have been informed, both orally and in writing, about the research objectives, its data collection methods, and the terms of my participation in the project.

I have also been informed:

- a) How the research team will ensure the confidentiality of the data and protect the collected information;
- b) Of my right to end the interview if I wish to do so or to refuse to answer certain questions;
- c) Of my right, as a voluntary participant in this study, to withdraw at any time without any negative consequence;
- d) Of my right to contact the lead researcher if I have any questions about the project.

I understand that I have the option to withdraw from the research at any time or to refuse to answer certain questions, without having to provide an explanation and without any inconvenience.

I have been assured that the statements collected during this interview will be kept confidential and treated anonymously. However, I am aware that despite all precautions taken, it remains possible that I may be indirectly identified.

I authorize the lead researcher, identified below, to quote certain excerpts from the interview exclusively for research purposes.

I hereby agree to participate in the research under the conditions described in the attached information letter about the project.

I sign this form in two copies and keep one for myself.



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Copy of Your Interview Transcript

I would like to receive a copy of the anonymized transcript of my interview to validate the information it contains (highlight your answer): Yes No

Participant's signature: _____

Date : _____

Email (for Interac transfer) : _____

Lead researcher's signature: _____

Date : _____

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This project has been approved by the INRS Research Ethics Committee for Human Subjects: Approval No. 2024-256, 23-743, October 13, 2023.