

Chronique Patrimoine

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Ernest Cormier (1885-1980) est un grand personnage de l'architecture du XXème siècle au Québec. Architecte, ingénieur, bâtisseur et artiste formé à Montréal, Paris et Rome, il a conçu l'édifice principal de l'Université de Montréal, ainsi que l'ancien Palais de justice (baptisé Édifice Ernest-Cormier), dans le Vieux-Montréal.

En 1921, M. Cormier construisait, angle Saint-Urbain et Milton, son studio d'artiste à côté de ce qui était l'école des Beaux-Arts. À l'origine, il y avait à l'avant un jardin intime, entouré d'un mur.

Bâtiment patrimonial, le studio Cormier fut restauré en 1985 et, dès 1986, prêté à des artistes pour des séjours de travail d'un an. Il appartient à la Société immobilière du Québec qui, sauvagement et sans permis, vient de remplacer les fenêtres d'origine par de quelconques fenêtres modernes. Vigilance, vigilance...

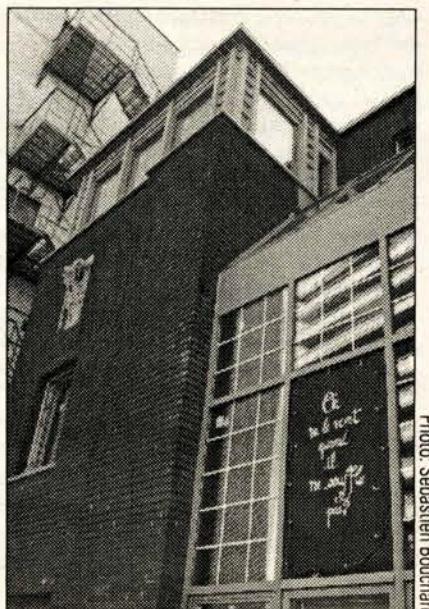
LE STUDIO CORMIER

Ernest Cormier (1885-1980) was a huge figure in 20th Century Quebec architecture. Architect, engineer, builder and artist trained in Montreal, Paris, and Rome, he is responsible both for the main building at the University of Montreal and the former Palais de justice (called the Ernest Cormier Building) in Old Montreal.

In 1921, Cormier built his own studio at the corner of Saint Urbain and Milton, next door to the École des Beaux-Arts. At that time there was an intimate walled garden in front.

The Cormier Studio was restored as a Heritage Building in 1985, and since 1986, has been loaned to artists to work there for periods of up to a year. It belongs to the Société immobilière du Québec, which, drastically and without permission, replaced its original windows with modern ones. Vigilance, vigilance....

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Souvenirs de BEIJING

par ARIEL HARPER

Trois des montréalaises qui sont allées à Beijing ont des points de vue très différents sur ce qu'elles ont appris là-bas.

Lors de la présentation sur le Forum des ONG et sur la Conférence mondiale des Nations Unies sur les femmes, qui a eu lieu récemment au Centre interculturel Strathearn, elles ont échangé leurs idées. Elles ont parlé de l'égalité de l'éducation et du patrimoine,

des conséquences du libre-échange, de la guerre et de la place des petites filles dans ce monde de plus en plus industrialisé.

La Conférence a édité un document hautement apprécié: la Plate-forme d'action, qui donne des recommandations sur les points évoqués ci-dessus et sur d'autres questions telles que l'alimentation, la santé, la violence familiale et le contrôle des naissances. Le Forum a permis la tenue de séances plénaires et a



Maryse Tremblay, Charlotte Thibault, Sadequa Siddiqui

Beijing Revisited

BY ARIEL HARPER

Three of the women from Montreal who went to Beijing have very different views on what they learned there.

At a recent Strathearn Inter-cultural Centre presentation on

the NGO Forum and the 4th United Nations World Conference on Women, they shared those perspectives. They spoke of equality of education and inheritance; the effects of free trade and war; and the role of the girl child in an increasingly-industrialized world.

The Conference produced a highly-praised document, its Platform for Action, making recommendations on these and other points issues such as food, health-care, domestic violence, and birth control. The Forum provided plenary sessions and opportunities to network around those issues.

Charlotte Thibault, Co-president of the Canadian Coordinating Committee and a long-time Milton-Park resident, was surprised by similarities in experience between women from Third-World countries and those from the more prosperous North. Funding cutbacks in industrialized countries resemble structural adjustment programs in place in developing countries, to her eyes.

"Women from the South have better strategies for dealing with them. They've had nothing for so long that they've become very creative." Thibault was encouraged by UN recognition of the contribution of unpaid work such as housework and child-rearing, the "satellite economy" which has been ignored by much of the world. The Canadian Census Bureau has recently included a question about unpaid work.

Sadeqa Siddiqui, of the South Asian Women's Community Centre, is less optimistic. "Free trade has decimated a lot of traditional immigrant industry here,"

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