

# SPRING SOCIAL CALENDAR

A LIST OF EVENTS RANGING FROM FUNDRAISERS AND CONCERTS TO LECTURES AND SALES



## JENNIFER CAMPBELL

**Party Like It's Spring 2012: Hellooo Montreal!** *Tis moi, your resident Social Gal back in the saddle (of course, stylish) with a blooming list of balls, gala evenings, benefits and other supreme social stuff sure to send you into party overdrive! For the expanded calendar, highlighting still more winning fun and fundraisers (golf tournaments, bridge tournaments, sporting events, walks, workshops, sales and more), visit [montrealgazette.com/life](http://montrealgazette.com/life). And for an explosive return of Gazette Social Notes (sure to reignite your post-Valentine's Day fire) tune in next week: Love and other fabulous feelings are in the air.*

## FEBRUARY

**Feb. 18 Friends for the Cure Gala for Cedars CanSupport.** 6 p.m. LeMadison, 8750 Provencher Blvd.,

St. Léonard, \$150. Tina Muccino, 514-328-4637, [www.friendsforthecure.ca](http://www.friendsforthecure.ca).

**Feb. 23 Strut to the Cure Fashion Show.** 6:30 p.m., Galerie MX, 333

Viger W. Benefiting the Adolescent and Young Adult Oncology Program at the Jewish General Hospital. Organized by Madisons' Charitable Fund. \$125. Sponsorship options available. Mary Etzitian, 514-340-8222, Local 3986, [metzitian@jgh.mcgill.ca](mailto:metzitian@jgh.mcgill.ca).

**Feb. 25 Queen of Angels Academy Foundation Comedy Night,** featuring Joey Elias, David Pryde, Nick Brazao. Portion of profits shared with NOVA West Island. 100 Bouchard, Dorval. \$20, includes cash bar and pub food served at 6:30 p.m. 514-636-0900, Local 255.

## MARCH

**March 4 Taste of the Caribbean's A Taste of Tea Caribbean Tea Party,** celebrating International Women's Day, 2-6 p.m., 6767 Cote des Neiges, Suite 600. 514-620-6612, [www.atasteofthecaribbean.ca](http://www.atasteofthecaribbean.ca).

**March 8 Artistri Sud Fundraising Cocktail** Presenting Local Inspirational Women, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Newtown, 1476 Crescent. \$30. 514-

989-9455, [jennifer@artistri.ca](mailto:jennifer@artistri.ca), [www.artistrisud.org](http://www.artistrisud.org) and Facebook.

**March 8 Israel Cancer Research Fund's Experience Fashion Show,**

8:30 p.m., Corona Theatre. Students rock dance numbers and runway scenes to raise awareness and funds for fight against cancer. 514-481-2723.

**March 9 St. Patrick's Society of Montreal Charity Ball,** 7 p.m., Marriot Chateau Champlain, 1050

la Gauchetière W. Guest of honour, Federal Finance Minister, the Honourable James Flaherty. Honourary chairperson, Pamela McGovern, general counsel, Hydro-Québec. Dinner, dancing, the Bernadette Short Celtic Grace Dancers, Three's Company Band and more. \$195, corporate tables of 10 \$2,750, Junior: \$125 (if a member of the society, up to age 30, if not a member, up to age 28). 514-481-1346, [www.spsmtl.com](http://www.spsmtl.com).

**March 10 Zonta Club of Montreal International Woman's Day Lunch,** 1- 3 p.m., Le Chambertin, 9 Place Frontenac, Pointe Claire. 50\$. Yvonne Quintyn, 514-914-3413, Mickey Wernicke, 514-630-0138.

**March 14 Jewish General Hospital Auxiliary's Florida Snowbird Luncheon,** 11:30 a.m., residence of Sheilah Greenberg, Broken Sound, Boca Raton, Fla. Featuring guest speaker Dr. Bernd Wollschlaeger. Topic: From the Reich to Hativah - exploring his life as the son of a Nazi officer to serving in the Israeli Defense Forces. Chairpersons, Reisa Lerner, Beatrice Lewis. Cover, members \$36, non-members \$54.

The Auxiliary, 514-340-8216.

**March 15 Foundation of the Women's Centre of Montreal Fundraising Dinner,**

6 p.m., Hilton Montreal Bonaventure. Presented under the co-presidency of Sylvie Giguère, consultant and José Placido, president/CEO of RBC Dexia. 514-842-1066, Local 2500.

**March 15 Orchestre Symphonique de Montréal Benefit Evening** at Arsenal, 2020 William St. Presented under the co-presidency of Maya Azzi and Winston Chan. 6:30 p.m., discussion between L. Jacques Ménard, president BMO Financial Group, Quebec and Arsenal director Jean-François Bélisle. 8 p.m., Peter Eötvös conducts Répons by Pierre Boulez and Stravinsky's The Firebird. Cocktails follow in presence of

Thomas H. \$100. [www.osm.ca](http://www.osm.ca).

**March 16 St. Patrick's Society of Montreal Luncheon.** Cash bar, 11:15 a.m., luncheon, noon. Hilton Montreal Bonaventure Hotel, Main Ballroom, 900 la Gauchetière W. Guest Speaker, celebrated author Kathy Reichs. \$80. Corporate tables of 10-\$1,250. 514-481-1346, [www.spsmtl.com](http://www.spsmtl.com).

**March 18 Cummings Centre Sports Celebrity Breakfast,** honouring businessman Alan Maislin 9:30 a.m., Gelber Conference Centre, 5151 Côte Ste Catherine. Supporting Seniors in Crisis program and featuring a silent auction of great sports

memorabilia. Committee chairperson, Michael Wagen. Honourary chairperson, Cookie Lazarus. Emcees, journalist Mike Cohen and Charles André Marchand of CKAC Radio. Also featuring players from Montreal Canadiens, Alouettes and more. \$30. Full breakfast and souvenir book included. VIP tickets \$100 (limited availability). Susan Rozansky, 514-342-1234, Local 7234, [susan@cummingscentre.org](mailto:susan@cummingscentre.org).

**March 20 International Festival of Films on Art Benefit Evening.**

6:30 p.m., Montreal Museum of Fine Arts, 1379 Sherbrooke W. Presented under honorary chairmanship of Jacques Parisien, executive VP Astral Media. Jean Pierre Belanger, 514-874-1637, [dons@artfifa.com](mailto:dons@artfifa.com), [www.artfifa.com](http://www.artfifa.com).

**March 21 Visit to Salon des Vins et Spiritueux de l'Ouest-de-l'Île** supports West Island Community Shares. First wine and spirits show in West Island, presented by the SAQ. Holiday Inn, Pointe Claire. 514-695-8694, Local 106, [westislandwineshow.com](http://westislandwineshow.com).

**May 21, 22 Geordie Productions presents 12 Angry Jurors** by Reginald Rose. 7:30 p.m., D. B. Clarke Theatre, 1455 de Maisonneuve Blvd. W. \$100 (includes performance, cocktail reception, tax receipt). 514-845-9810, [info@geordie.ca](mailto:info@geordie.ca), [www.geordie.ca](http://www.geordie.ca).

**March 23 A Taste of Amcal** fundraising event for Amcal Family Services. 5:30 - 7:30 p.m., Royal St. Lawrence Yacht Club, 1350 Lakeshore, Dorval. Featuring tastings from local restaurants and caterers menus and silent auction. Sophie, 514-694-3161, Local 301, [afs@amcal.ca](mailto:afs@amcal.ca), [www.amcal.ca](http://www.amcal.ca).

**March 23 Quebec Association for Lifelong Learning Gala Evening,** celebrating lifelong learning. 6 p.m., Buffet Il Gabbiano, 1550 Lapierre,

LaSalle. Honourary president, Léo La France. Emcee CJAD's Kim Fraser. Guest speaker, The Gazette's Terry Mosher (Aislin). Honourees, Noel Burke, Arpi Hamalian, Hugh Maynard. \$75. 514-848-2424, Local 2036, [qallmail@alcor.concordia.ca](mailto:qallmail@alcor.concordia.ca).

**March 24 Franco Di Giovanni Brain**

**Tumour Awareness Fundraising Social,**

benefiting the Brain Tumour Research Centre at the Montreal Neurological Institute and Hospital. 6:30 p.m., Prima Luna Reception Hall, 7301 Henri Bourassa Blvd. E. A seven-course meal, wine, open bar, midnight sandwiches, music, dancing, door prizes, sports memorabilia auction and more. Special guest, Dr. Rolando Del Maestro, clinical director of the Brain Tumour Research Centre. \$100. Lina Di Giovanni, 514-494-6831, [linadg1@hotmail.com](mailto:linadg1@hotmail.com).

**March 24 Tony Colannino Foundation Fundraiser,** for the Brain Tumour Research Centre at the MNI. Le Carleton, 8860 Langelier Blvd. \$90. 514-648-8284, [tonycolanninofoundation@hotmail.com](mailto:tonycolanninofoundation@hotmail.com).

**March 25 JPPS-Bialik's Concert**

**Gala,** supporting school programs, facilities and financial aid. 6:30 p.m., Bialik's Athletics and Performing Arts Centre, 6500 Kildare, Côte St. Luc. Chairpersons, Robin Schwartz Alexander, Ruth Bensimon Choueke. Honouree, British pop star Stacey Jackson. Amy Finkelstein, 514-731-2944, Local 263, [amy.f@jppsbialik.ca](mailto:amy.f@jppsbialik.ca), [www.jppsbialik.ca](http://www.jppsbialik.ca).

**March 26 Chocolate Delight, Bâton Rouge Lakeshore General Hospital Foundation Fundraiser,** benefiting

the LGH Pathology Department. 6 p.m. cocktails, Bâton Rouge D.D.O. An exquisite four-course dinner (7 p.m.), open bar, chocolate tastings, live and silent auctions and more.



\$140. 514-630-2081.

**March 27 Voices: From Silence to Song**, benefit concert for the Montreal Oral School for the Deaf at Bourgie Concert Hall, the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts. Funds support the school's parent-infant program and diagnostic nursery class. Performer Gregory Charles headlines. Special guest, Alouette quarterback Anthony Calvillo. Honourary chairpersons, Linda Birks, John Rae. Honourary guest, Hugh Hallward. Cocktail-dinatoire and raffle follow concert. Co-chairperson Jeniene Birks, 514-927-5740 or voices.benefit@www.voicesbenefit.ca.

**March 28 Na'amnat Canada Montreal Giant Bingo Benefit**, Beth Ora Synagogue, 2600 Badeaux, St. Laurent. Proceeds support Na'amnat daycares and social services in Israel. Boutiques open 6:30 p.m., bingo starts 7:30 p.m. Exciting game night includes bingo prizes, raffle and door prizes and refreshments. \$25. 514-484-0252.

**March 29 An Evening of Fine Wines** in aid of the Missing Children's

Network, 6 p.m., Espace Réunion. A vast selection of imported wines, mouth-watering canapés and fab auction. \$175. 514-843-4333,

www.enfant-retourquebec.ca.

**March 29 - April 4 Women's**

**Art Society of Montreal Annual Juried Art Exhibition**,

with portion of proceeds benefitting students in Marianopolis College music program. Ogilvy's, Tudor Hall, 1307 Ste. Catherine W. Free to public during store hours. Vernissage/silent auction 6 - 8 p.m., March 29. Guest of honour: Dr. Nancy Berman, Marianopolis music program co-ordinator. Featuring student performance. President Leslie Cohen, 514-624-9254, womensartsociety@gmail.com, www.womensartsociety.com.

**March 30 Mount Royal Ball**,

benefiting Ste. Justine UHC Foundation. 10 p.m., Montreal Science Centre. Benefit targets more than 1,200 young professionals and entrepreneurs. \$125 (includes open bar). 345-4931, Local 5221. www.baldumtroyal.ca (Facebook/Twitter friendly).

**March 31 B'nai Brith Youth Organization Montreal Spring Fling Teen Dance**, 9 p.m., Ben Weider JCC, 5400 Westbury. \$10. Fab DJ, decor, prizes, surprises and more. For ages 13-18. Caryl, 514-212-0812.

**March 31 St. Stephen's Hungarian Ball**

presents An Evening in Budapest, 6:30 p.m., Le Windsor Ballroom, 1170 Peel. Attire: Floor-length evening gowns, black or white tie. Catherine at 514-267-7211,

www.ststephensball.com.

**March 31 Thoracic Surgery Research Foundation of Montreal Gala Black & White Dance Party**, 6 p.m. cocktails, 7 p.m. dinner, Le Madison, 8750 Provencher, St. Leonard. A night of boogie with the Rhapsody Orchestra and great gastronomy. Emcee, Marianna Simeone. \$225. Andrée Prudhomme, 514-890-8000, Local 24543, andree.prudhomme.chum@ssss.gouv.qc.ca.

## APRIL

**April 1 Israel Cancer Research**

**Fund Gala featuring the Beach**

Boys, 8 p.m., Place des Arts. Honourary Community Fellowship recipients, Alexia and Anthony Calvillo. Special benefit evening honours memory of Judith Amar, Steven Backler, Jeffrey Brull, Robert Shadowitz. Chairpersons, Gloria Richman, Paul Ostrov. 514-481-2723.

**April 3 Batshaw Centre Foundation's Cocktail Challenge**

6:30 - 8:30 p.m., Parisian Laundry,

fundraiser,

3550 St. Antoine W. Proceeds benefit foundation programs. 514-989-1885 Local 1118, www.batshaw-foundation.ca.

**April 5 Canadian Red Cross Benefit Dinner** (Que. Division), Windsor Station, Salle des Pas Perdus Theme: Japan. Diane Harnois, 514-362-2930, Local 2950, dianeharnois@croixrouge.ca.

**April 7 Heels & HeART Wearable Art Fashion Show**, benefiting Leukemia & Lymphoma Society of Canada. Unique evening unfolds at Espace Réunion. Cocktails 7 p.m., fashion show 8 p.m. \$40. www.heelsand-heart.com.

**April 7 ARTSIDA 4: Art Against AIDS**

charity auction benefiting AIDS Community Care Montreal, Cocktails 6 p.m., auction 7 p.m., Musée d'Art Contemporain, 185 Ste. Catherine W., \$35. Laura MacDonald, 514-529-9462, artsida@accmontreal.org, www.artsida.org.

**April 11 Salon des vins de la Montérégie**, 5-9 p.m., Centre Marcel-Dulude, 530, Clairevue West Blvd, St. Bruno. \$30 with 10 coupons. VIP, \$100 with 100 coupons and income-tax receipt of \$60. 450-442-6387 Local 224, helene.gagne@fmcoeur.qc.ca, www.fmcoeur.qc.ca.

**April 12 Grands Chefs Relais & Châteaux Fundraising Gala Dinner**, benefiting Institut de Tourisme et d'Hôtellerie du Québec. 6 p.m., cocktails, 7 p.m. dinner in the ballroom of Fairmont Queen Elizabeth Hotel. Guest chef, Annie Féolde, three-star Michelin and Grand Chef at Enoteca Pinchiorri in Florence, Italy. Guest performer, opera-singing sensation Marc Hervieux. Featuring auction of

Relais & Châteaux trips in Europe and premium wines. Honourary president, SAQ president Philippe Duval. Evening chairperson, Jean Saine, event founder and president of Saine Marketing. \$1,500. Sylvie Forest, 514-282-5106. Information, www.lesgrandschefs.com, Jean-Carl Bergen, jbergen@videotron.ca.

**April 13 Lakeshore Association of Artists Art Show - Vernissage**,

7-9 p.m., Fritz Farm, 20477 Lakeshore, Baie d'Urfé. Percentage of sales benefit NOVA West Island. Tom Thompson, 514-457-9084, tomthompson@manoierwestmount.com, www.nowawl.org.

**April 13, 14, 15 Kirkland Artists Association of Artists, The Art Rush** sponsoring the Action Centre. With participation of Beaconsfield, Dollard and Lakeshore Associations. Lantier House, 11 Lantier, Kirkland. Xenia, 514-695-8162, www.artkirkland.com.

**April 14, 15 Lakeshore Association of Artists Art Rush**, Fritz Farm, 20477 Lakeshore, Baie d'Urfé. Sponsoring Nova West Island. Beaconsfield, Kirkland and Dollard associations participating as well. 514-428-9738, www.lakeshoreartistsassociation.ca.

**April 14 Cars and Stars**, Lakeshore General Hospital Foundation fashion show, 7 p.m. cocktail, 8 p.m. show, Mercedes-Benz Silver Star. Luxe silent auction, glam cocktail, runway show featuring designer collections plus live performance by Paul Lizzi. \$50. 514-630-2081.

**April 14 Huntington Society of**

**Quebec Fundraising Dinner**, 6 p.m., L'Institut de Tourisme et d'Hôtellerie du Québec, 3535 St. Denis. \$150 (includes cocktails, dinner). Chairpersons, Mary Rivard-David, 514-932-0927, Francine Lacroix, 514-282-4272, www.huntingtonqc.org.

**April 14 Grands Ballets Canadiens de Montréal Benefit Gala**, 6 p.m., Uniprix Stadium, 285, Faillon W. The Art of Creation with unforgettable performances. Partners: Ogilvy's, Bombardier, ZOOM Media. \$600. Tables \$6,000-\$25,000. 514-849-8681, Local 229, lcailleres@grandsballets.com.

**April 14 Quebec Thistle Council Annual Auld Alliance Awards Dinner**, at the Black Watch (RHR) of Canada, 2067 Bleury. Scotswoman of the year and guest of honour, Sheila Fraser. Mildred Benoit, 514-982-4525, mildredbenoit@hotmail.ca, www.thistlecouncil.ca.

**April 14 Accenti Foundation Gala Awards**, dinner and dance, benefiting the Accenti Foundation. \$90. 514-329-3254, Local 104. To enter Accenti Magazine's annual writing and photo contest, www.accenti.ca.

**April 18 Maison St. Gabriel's Benefit Event, Cheese . . . history and traditions**, in

concourse of Windsor Station. Presented under the honorary presidency of Michael Sabia, president/CEO, Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec. Great gastronomic meal and more. \$200. Corporate tables of 10: \$2,500 (prices include taxes). 514-935-8136, www.maisonsaint-gabriel.qc.ca.

**April 19 2012 Bal décontracté** de la Maison du Père. 6 p.m., Le

Parquet, Centre CDP Capital, 1000 Place Jean-Paul Riopelle. \$400 (includes cocktail, dinner, dancing, silent auction). Caroline Thibaudeau, 514 845-0168, Local 314, caroline.thibaudeau@maisondupere.org. April 19. Montreal Chamber Music Festival Gala and Silent Auction, Marriott Chateau Champlain Ballroom, 1050 la Gauchetière W., \$400 (includes cocktails, dinner, entertainment plus tax receipt for applicable amount). Kelly or Julie, 514-489-7444, info@festivalmontreal.org.

**April 20 Musée d'art contemporain de Montréal's Les Printemps du MAC**, benefiting MAC Foundation. 9 p.m. - 3 a.m., 185, Ste. Catherine W. Gala event invites more than 1,000 guests to revel in music, dance and outstanding art exhibits. Event presidents, Anna Antonopoulos, CFO, the Antonopoulos Group, Pascal De Guise, lawyer/partner at BCF Tickets, http://horscadre.macm.org (see Facebook, too). PR, Christine Boivin, 514-293-3423, christine.boivin@cohnwolfe.ca.

**April 20, 21 and May 4, 5, 11, 12 Becket Players Musical Cabaret Show** at Theatre Beaubois, Pierrefonds. 2012 beneficiaries: West Island Association for the Intellectually Handicapped - pre school; West Island Palliative Care - children's bereavement; West Island Women's Shelter - children's camp. \$15, \$25. 514-426-3029, chairperson Borina Adamo, bog@becketplayers.ca, www.becketplayers.ca.

**April 21 St. Andrew's Society's Pot Luck Supper and Ceilidh**, 5 p.m. Church Hall of St. Andrew's and St. Paul's Church, 3415 Redpath. Guests are requested to bring one meal or dessert. 514-842-2030, info@standrews.qc.ca, www.standrews.qc.ca.

**April 21 Disco Party**, benefiting West Island Community Shares. Doors open at 9 p.m., Club Chez Maurice, St. Lazare. Best-costume prizes, entertainers and more. \$25. Nathalie, 514-695-8694 Local 104, nathalie@partageaction.ca, www.communityshares.ca.

**April 21, 22 Fête Polonaise**, benefiting Committee for Relief for Polish Children and seniors with disabilities. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., St. Antonin Church, 5361, Snowdon Ave., Snowdon métro station. Amber and handmade jewellery, folk art, books, cosmetics, hot and cold traditional dishes and more. President, 514-489-6010, marketing 514 983-7353,