

ACSF Montréal Salon 2026 Schedule

October 7 to 10 2026 | Times and meeting points remain subject to confirmation.

Sessions listed separately at the same time run concurrently.

Wednesday October 7 Arrival in Old Montréal

Time	Program	Venue
2:00–3:00 pm	Arrival and participant check-in	Pointe-à-Callière (Montreal Museum of Archaeology and History)
3:00–5:00 pm	Museum visit	
5:00–6:30 pm	Informal welcome and meet-and-greet	Old Montréal

Thursday October 8 Sacred space and shared inquiry

Time	Program	Venue
8:00–9:00 am	Arrival, meditation, and announcements	Church of St. John the Evangelist (Red Roof Church)
9:00–9:30 am	Opening Conversation: The Salon, Its History and Spirit — (Guest Speaker: Yves Thomas)	
9:30–10:00 am	Resonant Presence Act I: Sound, Body, and Architectural Encounter — Reza Assasi	
10:00–10:30 am	Searching for the Transcendent in Sacred Space — Roberto Chiotti	
10:30–11:00 am	Introduction to Mapping Atmospheres — Isabel Potworowski	
11:15 am–noon	The Hidden and The Manifest: Exploring Architecture, Contemplation, and Sacred Awareness — Mani Ardalan Farhadi and Nooshin Esmaeili	MEM
	How Informal Practices of Community Shape Public Space — Michelle Gagnon-Creeley and Narita Reyes Ico	
Noon–12:45 pm	Access, Participation, and Belonging in Sacred Spaces — Moazima Rizwan	
	Recovering in Place: From Disconnection to Reconnection — Victoria F. Burns and Nooshin Esmaeili	
12:45–1:45 pm	Lunch	
1:45–2:45 pm	Beyond Physical Access: Co-Creating Meaningful Contact — Mohammadmahdi Zanjani, Fabian Neuhaus, Craig DeLean, and Sophie Symanczyk	From MEM
	<i>From “Give Me a Second” to “Give Me a Minute”: The Sanctity of Time in an Accelerated City</i> — Fawaz Folakunmi Okunola	
2:45–3:30 pm	Travel to Saint Joseph’s Oratory	
3:30–5:45 pm	Architecture Beyond Vision: Bodily Friction and Mental Anticipation — Sepehr Younesnejad and Nooshin Esmaeili	
	Placeholding: An Embodied Methodology for Cultivating a Reciprocal Relationship with Place: A Workshop — Sarika Bajoria	
	Mountain & Altar: Cosmic Symbolism in the Chapel and Apartment of Saint André Bessette — Stephane Gaulin-Brown	

Friday October 9 Embodiment city and conversation

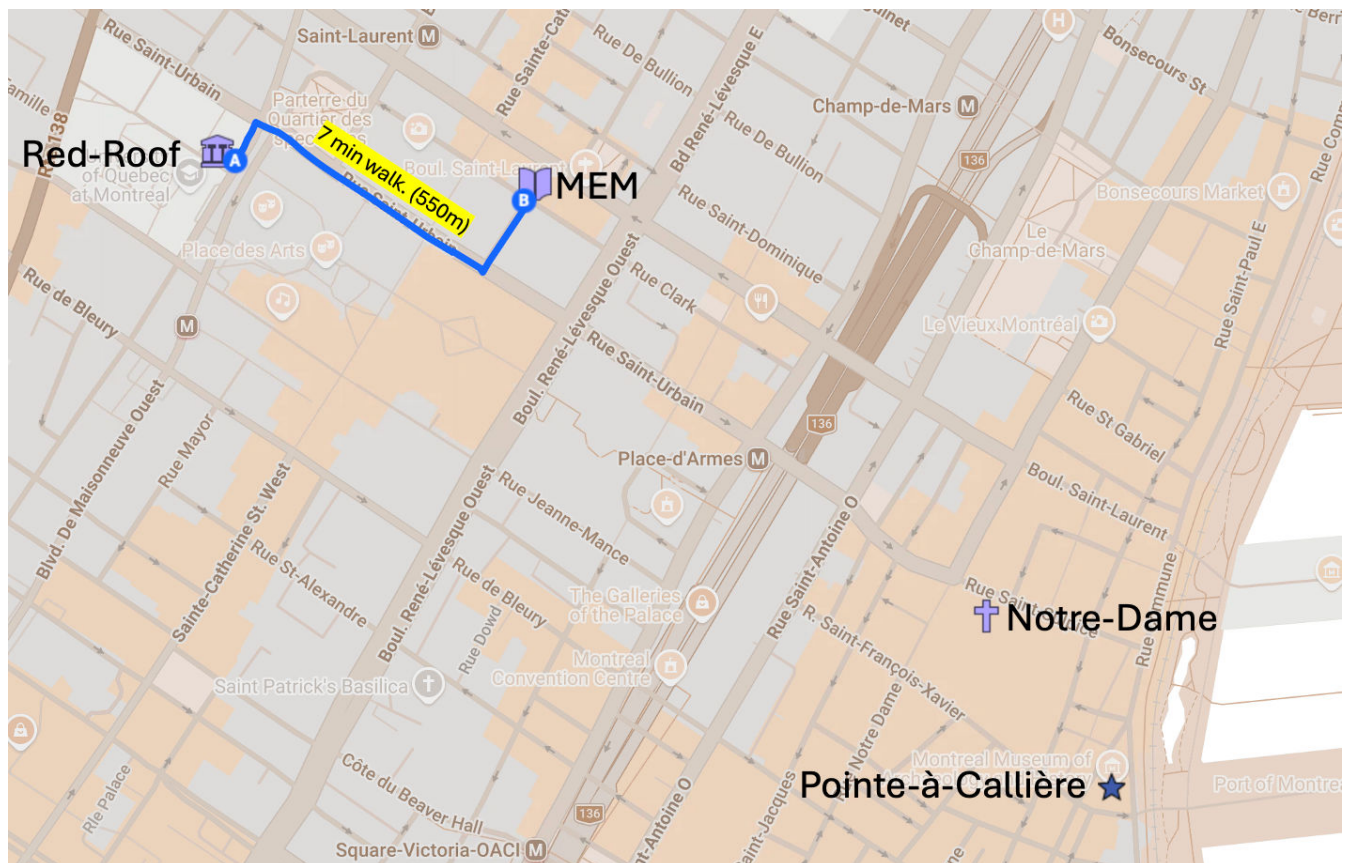
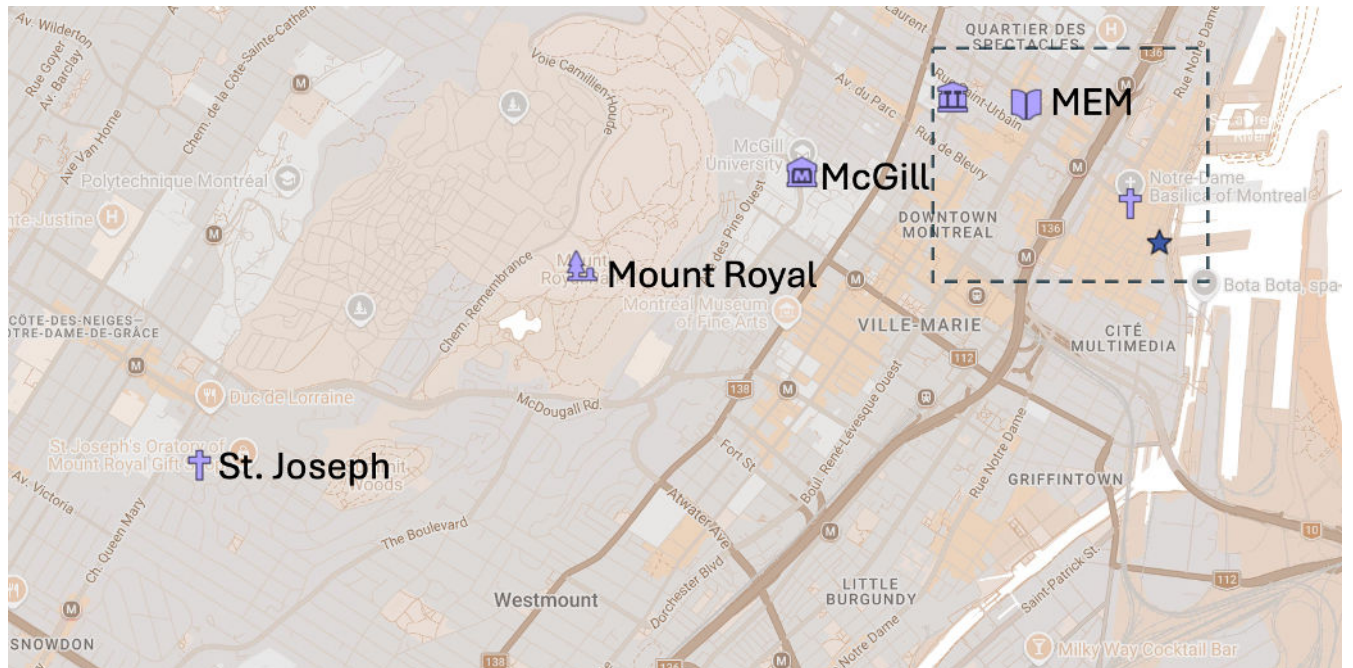
Time	Program	Venue
8:00–9:00 am	Arrival, meditation, and announcements	Church of St. John the Evangelist (Red Roof Church)
9:00–9:45 am	Resonant Presence Act II: Narrative, Memory, and the Afterlife of Place — Reza Assasi — (Guest Artist: Saeed Kamjoo)	
9:45–10:30 am	From Body to Place: Reawakening Embodied Perception in Design — Rachael Grochowski and Nooshin Esmaili	
10:30–11:15 am	Break and travel to MEM	Red Roof Church to MEM
11:15 am–noon	Carrying the Sacred: Architecture, Embodied Presence, and the City — Reza Assasi	MEM
	Barzakh: Threshold, Cosmology, and the Sacred in the Mundane City — Ali Salama	
Noon–12:45 pm	Mapping Atmospheres — Isabel Potworowski	
	A Site-Specific Participatory Ritual — Odudu Umoessien	
12:45–1:45 pm	Lunch	
1:45–2:30 pm	Featured conversation with Alberto Pérez-Gómez	
2:30–2:45 pm	Closing at MEM	
2:45–4:45 pm	Guided Old Montréal walking tour	Begins at MEM; ends near Notre-Dame Basilica
4:45–5:45 pm	Drawing, Seeing and the Spirit of Place: A Workshop in Contemplative Observation — John P. Blood and Elizabeth Danze	Notre-Dame Basilica
6:00–7:00 pm	Notre-Dame Basilica and AURA experience	
7:00–9:00 pm	Salon group dinner	3 Brasseurs Saint-Paul, Old Montréal

Saturday October 10 Mount Royal and informal exploration

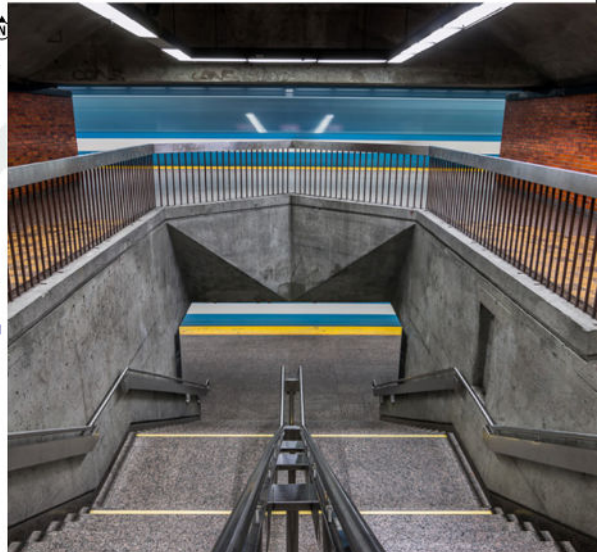
Time	Program	Venue
9:00–11 am	Scale: The Ecotone of the Natural and Urban — Sam Padron Hernandez	McGill Campus and Park Mount Royal
11:00 am–noon	Continued Mount Royal exploration and closing reflections	Mount Royal area
After noon	Informal city explorations, and departures	At participants' discretion

Venue reference

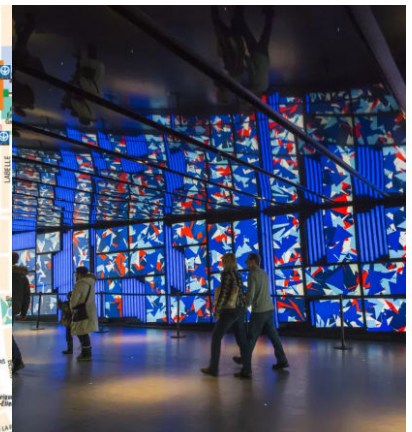
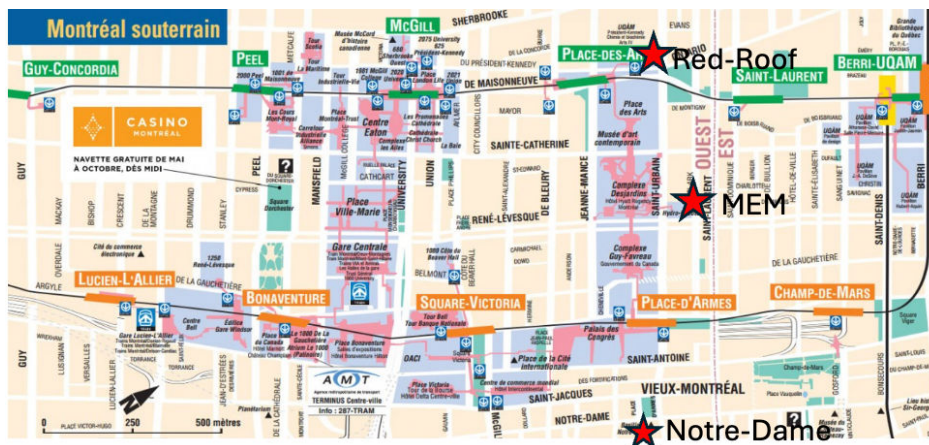
Pointe-à-Callière (Montreal Museum of Archaeology and History) — 350 Place Royale, Montréal
Church of St. John the Evangelist (Red Roof Church) — 137 President Kennedy Avenue, Montréal
MEM – Centre des mémoires montréalaises — 1210 Saint-Laurent Boulevard, Montréal
Saint Joseph's Oratory — 3800 Queen Mary Road, Montréal
Notre-Dame Basilica — 110 Notre-Dame Street West, Montréal
3 Brasseurs Saint-Paul — 105 Rue Saint-Paul E, Montréal



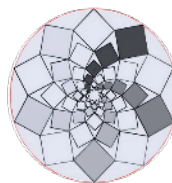
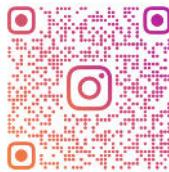
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