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CCA -- site of the Friday evening reception

The CCA (Centre canadien d'architecture / Canadian Centre for Architecture <http://www.cca.qc.ca/en>) was founded in 1979 to promote public understanding and appreciation of architecture and urbanism, and also to foster research and public debate on the history, theory and practice of architecture and urban design in today's society. It is currently occupies a unique place in Montreal's cultural and educational landscape, running exhibitions through the year and bringing visiting scholars to use its extensive special collections. As the venue for some of Montreal's most exciting exhibitions, and as the home of one of the city's most interesting bookstores, the CCA was a natural choice as a venue for our Friday night reception. Guests will be able to circulate through the exhibition space, and the bookstore will be open, so come ready to shop.

Getting to the CCA:

The CCA address:

1920, rue Baile, □ Montréal, Québec, H3H 2S6

Link to Google maps:

http://maps.google.ca/maps?f=q&source=s_q&hl=en&geocode=&q=1920,+rue+Baile,%E2%80%A8Montr%C3%A9al,+Qu%C3%A9bec,+H3H+2S6&sll=49.891235,-97.15369&sspn=42.665208,78.134766&ie=UTF8&hq=&hnear=1920+Rue+Baile,+Mont r%C3%A9al,+Communaut%C3%A9-Urbaine-de-Montr%C3%A9al,+Qu%C3%A9bec+H3H+1P6&z=16

The CCA is easy to reach by the city's public transport system (with a short walk at the end of the bus or metro journey), and we would encourage those who wish to get a feel for Montreal to take public transport (details below). For those less adventurous, less mobile, or just tired after a long day's conferencing, we have arranged for buses to shuttle on a loop between the Hyatt and the CCA between 7pm and 10:30.

By shuttle bus: orange school buses will pick up guests from the hotel and loop back and forth. Depending on traffic, each journey should be between 8 and 20 minutes.

By metro: from the Place des Arts station (across Ste Catherine St from the hotel and adjoining the mall below), take the Green Line west (direction: "Angrignon") for three stops, and get off at station "Guy-Concordia". It's best to leave the metro station by the "Saint Mathieu" exit, and then walk three blocks south and one block west.

By city bus: from the hotel, walk up to the corner of Blvd de Maisonneuve and rue St-Urbain. From there, take the number 15 bus, heading west along Maisonneuve, and get off at St-Mathieu. (This is less than 10 minutes). You could walk the rest of the way (three blocks south and one block west), but you might be lucky and find the 165 bus

heading south down St-Mathieu, in which case you could transfer and use it to take the three blocks south (getting off at Baile).

Useful Links:

The Montreal public transport agency, the STM -- Société de Transport de Montréal
<http://www.stm.info/English/a-somm.htm>

The CCA
<http://www.cca.qc.ca/en/visit>

Map of the CCA area
http://www.cca.qc.ca/pdf/cca_area_map.pdf

The HSS/PSA Dinner

The **Complexe Desjardins** in downtown Montréal houses the offices of several companies, including the Desjardins bank (the largest association of credit unions in North America, founded in 1900) and some branches of the Québec government. It also houses the Hyatt Regency Hotel, this year's HSS meeting location. Especially useful in winter, the Complexe is an important node in the Montréal's underground city (RÉSO), the largest indoor "city" in the world. The large atrium built at the center of the Complexe, where the HSS/PSSA banquet will be held, is used year round to host a variety of spectacles and exhibitions, record television shows, and launch music records from Québécois artists. Spacious, multifunctional, and well sunlit, this atrium has become over time a carrefour of Montréal's cultural and community life. We have chosen the Atrium because it is the only venue close to the hotel that could fulfil the capacity requirements of the HSS-PSA for the Saturday-night event.