

Michelle Lacombe is awarded the sixth MNBAQ Contemporary Art Award

*The group exhibition of the winning artists
will run until April 21, 2025*

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Québec City, Wednesday, April 2, 2025 ✕ The 2025 MNBAQ Contemporary Art Award exhibition continues at the Musée national des beaux-arts du Québec (MNBAQ). A special jury comprising Eve-Lyne Beaudry, Director of Collections and Research at the MNBAQ, Bernard Lamarche, Curator of Contemporary Art (1960 to the present) at the MNBAQ, and Michèle Thériault, an independent curator, has declared artist Michelle Lacombe the overall winner of the sixth edition of this unique award in Canada.

In addition to a cash award and participation in the group exhibition of the five winners, a monograph devoted to **Michelle Lacombe**'s work will be published in 2026, and the MNBAQ will acquire works by the artist.

“The jury wished to acknowledge the impact of the committed feminism that Michelle Lacombe’s practice embodies. For several years, it has contributed vital reflection to a society that is regressing in some respects with regard to women’s right to control their bodies and its image in the media. She articulates an uncompromising stance in which the body is managed through its physical transformation by means of performance, body art, and drawing. She asserts women’s necessary agency in the artistic and social spheres. More than ever, her work is highly topical,” said the members of the jury in unison.

This prestigious award, created in 2013 by the MNBAQ and the Fondation du Musée national des beaux-arts du Québec, in partnership with the RBC Foundation, highlights Québec artists who embody the effervescence and diversity of the contemporary Québec art scene.

Don't delay! Discover five exciting worlds

The exhibition devoted to recent works by the five winning artists, **Eruoma Awashish, Rémi Belliveau, Michelle Lacombe, Anne-Marie Proulx, and Santiago Tamayo Soler**, including the overall winner, runs until **April 21, 2025**.

A varied panorama of contemporary Québec artistic creation

The five artists represent varied backgrounds and the diversity of their approaches and career paths is surprising. Their artistic practices, ranging from installations to video, not to mention photography, also include painting, body art, and music. A captivating multifaceted adventure awaits the general public, which will be invited to vote for its exhibition favourite.



A unique award in Canada

The MNBAQ Contemporary Art Award is the only such award in Canada that combines an exhibition, a cash award, a publication, and acquisitions. It fulfils a need to recognize and disseminate contemporary art among the general public in addition to offering support to the artists and to their career development. The award confirms the MNBAQ's desire to play a leadership role in the realm of Québec art by encouraging the most promising artists and supporting their career development.



Since 2013, through the generous contribution of the RBC Foundation to the Musée national des beaux-arts du Québec and the Fondation du MNBAQ, the work of four Québec artists has achieved outstanding recognition: **Diane Morin** (2015), **Carl Trahan** (2017), **Numa Amun** (2019), and **Stanley Février** (2021). In 2023, five artists were chosen: **Maria Ezcurra**, **Anahita Norouzi**, **Celia Perrin Sidarous**, **Eve Tagny** and **Sara A. Tremblay**. **Anahita Norouzi** was named the overall winner of this edition. In addition to a cash award and her participation in the group exhibition, the MNBAQ will publish a monograph devoted to her work and acquire works for the MNBAQ's collection. The five winners of the 2025 edition are **Eruoma Awashish**, **Rémi Belliveau**, **Michelle Lacombe**, **Anne-Marie Proulx**, and **Santiago Tamayo Soler**. **Michelle Lacombe** is the overall winner.

The MNBAQ Contemporary Art Award is granted every two years through a remarkable partnership between the MNBAQ and the RBC Foundation.



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Pierre Lassonde Pavilion of the MNBAQ
From February 13 to April 21, 2025

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