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Montréal's First American Sign Language Theatre

About Seeing Voices Montréal

Seeing Voices Montréal (SVM) raises Deaf awareness through the beautiful mixture of American Sign Language (ASL) and theatre. Our vision is to close the gap between the hearing and Deaf world, with the use of theatre as a common medium. To achieve this, we adapt and perform plays of well-known children's stories which can be understood by both audiences.

Seeing Voices Montréal was founded as a McGill club in the Fall of 2012. In the long run, our goal would be to establish a visual theater in Montreal and to include *Langue des Signes Québécoise* as an integrated part of our project.

Our first production will be *Deaf Snow White*. It will be performed in March 2014 at McGill University.

For immediate release

SVM *Deaf Snow White's* Director Jack Volpe will be teaching a five-week ASL course to McGill students. This unique course has been developed with a strong theatrical emphasis. Students will get to learn the basics of ASL, apply it to visual storytelling and become more familiar with Deaf culture. The course will be held in the SSMU building of the downtown campus starting this Thursday, October 10th.

ASL is one of two sign languages used in Montréal, the other one being *Langue des Signes Québécoise* used mostly by the Deaf Francophone community.

Jack Volpe is an experienced ASL instructor. He has been teaching at the MAB-Mackay Rehabilitation Centre in NDG (Montréal) since 2011.

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