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RÉVEILLER L'ANDROGYNE. REVIVING THE BOOKSTORE.

Collective exhibition from January 29 to April 11, 2026

This group exhibition brings together **nine queer artists** who each revisit L'Androgyne, Québec's first gay, lesbian, and feminist bookstore, active from 1973 to 2002. Serving simultaneously as a site for the circulation of ideas, a space for encounters, and a hub of political engagement, the bookstore played a central role in shaping queer communities at a time when visible spaces of sociability were rare and often precarious.

Drawing on this legacy, the artists –who never experienced L'Androgyne as an active space– set in motion **intergenerational transmission**, offering traces in which erased narratives resurface. The exhibition thus examines the persistence of queer memory and considers how a place that no longer exists continues to generate meaning, connection, and collective forms of gathering.

Artists

fernando belote · naakita f.k. · Lou Fozin
Em Laferrière · Lucas LaRochelle
kimura byol lemoine · Flora Nwakobi
Joshua Schwebel · Lou Sheppard

Opening

Thursday, January 29, 6pm until late
• Performance by fernando belote
• Launching of SKOL bookstore
• Launching of café SKOL

Opening hours : Wednesday to Saturday, 12pm to 5:30pm

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