

## **SODRAC in action** **Fall 2008**

Operating in the music and visual arts fields, the SODRAC team actively represents members' interests and demystifies copyright issues in a variety of public forums. The following is a partial list of the activities scheduled for fall 2008.

### **Partnerships**

**Granby International Songwriters Festival** (September 10-20). As a brand new feature of the festival, the SODRAC Seminars will showcase up-and-coming young songwriters/composers, including SODRAC members Alexandre Belliard, Moran and Nicolas Jules. SODRAC member Vincent Vallières serves as spokesperson for the festival, which will mark its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. On September 5, SODRAC's Chantal Beaudoin, Audio Licencing Department Manager, and Jean-François Marquis, Recruitment and Member Services Agent, will speak to the semi-finalists on the topic of copyright.

**Montreal Independent Music Trade Show** (September 11-21). On September 13, SODRAC representatives will staff a booth at the trade show and answer participants' questions.

**SPACQ Foundation Awards** (October 1): SODRAC is a proud partner of the third edition of this event, which pays tribute to the exceptional talents of Quebec lyricists, composers and performers. The SPACQ Foundation was created to support, promote and encourage the songwriters, composers and performers who have shaped our collective memory. For further information on the SPACQ Foundation:  
<http://www.fondationspacq.com/historique.php>

**2008 Compilation: *Merci pour la chanson* (Thanks for the Song)** (Release date: November 3). Once again, SODRAC will be sponsoring ADISQ's annual album (75,000 copies), produced as part of the organization's anti-piracy campaign ("If You Really Like Music, Don't Copy It!"). More than 250 retailers and the Zik.ca on-line music service will be carrying the album, which aims to raise public awareness about the value of music. The SODRAC logo will appear on the CD and all promotional materials.

### **Education**

**YES Montreal Artists Workshop** (September 24). Once again this year, Claudine Nicol, an agent in SODRAC's Visual Arts Department, will help demystify copyright issues in the visual arts field as part of a talk entitled "Copyrights: Keeping Control of Your Work". Claudine will be joined by her colleagues Sarah Lapierre, also from the Visual Arts Department, and Jean-François Marquis, who will present the music component. YES is the acronym for the Youth Employment Services organization.

**Association of Music Publishing Professionals (APEM)** (September 30). SODRAC's General Manager Alain Lauzon will speak at a workshop focusing on various types of copyright and revenue sources. The workshop is part of APEM's training program entitled "Music Publishing: Legal Fundamentals and Business Practices". For further details: <http://www.apem.ca/formations-f.html>.

### **SODRAC members: email update campaign**

A campaign is currently underway to enable SODRAC to rapidly transmit information by email to its membership. In the next few weeks, a letter will be sent out to all members with no email address on file. If you receive one of these letters, please be sure to provide us with your updated email address!