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Text in Textile2 Exhibition

Montreal, August 30, 2010 - From September 15 to October 22, 2010, the Montreal Centre for Contemporary Textiles (MCCT) will be hosting **Text in Textile2**, an exhibition of interactive textiles presented by Anna Biró. The opening will be held on Wednesday, September 15th at 5 pm.

Initially shown last April at Montréal, arts interculturels (MAI), the artist is offering us a new reading, a sequel to that exhibition. Inspired by archival interviews with people from different cultural backgrounds, Anna Brió uses various materials in her work - for example bits of audio and video tape - to evoke these collective and individual stories. This exhibition includes interactive textiles equipped with sensors that generate sounds when they are touched thus creating a variety of sound textures. Biró seeks to unravel the threads of forgotten and fragmented stories that are buried in the memory of the fabric.

Biró was born in Romania and she now lives and works in Montreal. She is a graduate of the Ioan Andreescu Academy of Visual Arts in Cluj-Napoca, Romania, and of the Montreal Centre for Contemporary Textiles. The quality of her work as an artist and as a costume designer has been praised in North America, Europe and Japan. In 2007-2008, she benefited from the Guidance and Mentoring Service of the Montréal, arts interculturels (MAI), and she received a Research and Creation Grant from le Conseil des arts et des lettres du Québec for the preparation this exhibition. To learn more about this artist, please visit her website: www.annabiro.com

The MCCT gallery is open from Monday to Friday from 9 am to 4:30 pm. The gallery will be closed on Monday, October 11, 2010.

The Montreal Centre for Contemporary Textiles is a centre dedicated to the creation, research and promotion of contemporary textiles in Quebec. To know more about its activities, please visit the MCCT website at <u>www.textiles-mtl.com</u>.

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