



Backgrounder

**Major Development Project of  
Saint Joseph's Oratory of Mount Royal**

**Marie-France Brière  
Competition winner**

**A public work of art  
Policy of Quebec's Ministère de la Culture et des Communications  
for integrating art into architecture and the environment**



**Concept**

- The selected work . . . will evoke, conceptually, the notions of openness, spirituality and humanity that underlie the sanctuary's vocation
- The work will offer visitors an opportunity to pause, to engage in reflection, to come together and share



**"Rhizome"**

- A monumental sculpture that shoots up from the earth like a root out of the side of Mount Royal
- Traditional inspiration: the Cord of Saint Joseph of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Saint-Vallier
- Brass, bronze and polished stainless steel
- Dimensions: 6.91 m X 1.09 m X 7.37 m (H x W x D)
- Work intended for the future Holy Family Plaza
- Installation: Spring 2021
- Investment: \$442,500



***"From the notion of the breach and excavation of the stone springs forth this round and soft venous-like cable, with seven knots, mostly weightless."***

Marie-France Brière

***"The work symbolizes the profound essence of Saint Joseph's Oratory of Mount Royal, a remarkable cultural, spiritual and natural heritage landmark."***

Saint Joseph's Oratory of Mount Royal

Pictures available upon request