

SOCIAL NOTES

MCN '80s party totally has it made in the shade



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SHADES OF COOL: In this day and age, 30 years is quite the milestone. And so hats off — or rather, sunglasses on — to the Missing Children's Network (MCN) on its recent 30th anniversary. Established in 1985 literally out of the trunk of one of the founder's cars, the devoted team worked tirelessly and with the support of amazing donors and partners, to build a strong and vibrant organization dedicated to making a difference for Quebec families devastated by the loss of a child. Today the homegrown network, started from the tragedy of a young murdered child named Maurice Vén, is the optimal provincial reference in the field of missing and exploited children for families, law enforcement, educators and the media. To date, 1,094 children have been reunited with their families and over 175,000 students have received practical safety education instruction. Pretty impressive stats.

As for the anniversary celebrations? Keep your sunglasses on! The well-organized committee outdid itself. Among the many highlights from the Sunglasses at Night-themed eve in the ballroom of the Bonaventure Hotel were expert oncoeing by Global TV's Jamie Orchard and 92.5 The Beat's Claudia Marques; plentiful '80s references (glow sticks and VHS tapes made decorative cameos while tables were named after epic flicks like Footloose); a VIP lounge well-stocked with cozy-contemporary seating from Strucube; Beloved crooner and MCN celebrity spokesperson Johanne Blouin's memorable performance of '80s chart toppers Mountain High, River Deep, Call Me and Hot Stuff; a steady supply of ever-dazzling DJ Abeille; and one sizzling assortment of auction prizes available for purchase throughout the night including a first-class trip for two to London, tickets to Taylor Swift's upcoming concert, and an autographed Sunglasses at Night record and LP from none other than Corey Hart himself.

Guests went crazy for it all and included the high-profile likes of proud event chairs Franca Riso and Groupe Montoni CEO Dario Montoni; Mayssa Rifai, Economical Insurance vice-president sales and distribution, Quebec Region; Anne-Marie Cinquino and husband, MVC president Tony Cinquino; Suzanne Hanna and lovely daughter, Tia; Mannarino Systems and Software's sparkling Sue Dabrowski; Gabriella d'Intino of Scotia-Bank; Borden Ladner Gervais



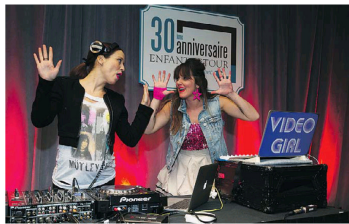
Global Goes '80s! The Global TV gang, back row, Jamie Orchard, Travis Todd, Aalia Adam, Max Kalinowicz and Domenic Fazio, and, front row, Sunny Morrison, Elyssa Bryan-Baynes, Gloria Henriquez and Rita Fargnoli dial up the fun at the Missing Children's Network's 30th Anniversary party. JOHN ZIMMERMAN PHOTOGRAPHY



Hockey hunks Rick Green and Gilbert Delorme lent support to the Missing Children's Network's 30th Anniversary party. JOHN ZIMMERMAN PHOTOGRAPHY



The Beat's Claudia Marques and Global's Jamie Orchard don their sunnies at the Missing Children's Network's Sunglasses at Night '80s Dance Party. JOHN ZIMMERMAN PHOTOGRAPHY



Eighties girls rock: DJ Abeille and Video Girl get into the spirit at the Missing Children's Network's 30th Anniversary Sunglasses at Night '80s Dance Party. JOHN ZIMMERMAN PHOTOGRAPHY



From left, standing, Muafiq Tannus, Roula Abi, Genevieve Gregoire, Sarah Sigouin, Anthony Fuschini, David Paulozza and Nadia Zingaro; seated, Geraldine Jager, Mike Jager and Alexia Fuschini enjoy festivities at the Missing Children's Network's party. JOHN ZIMMERMAN PHOTOGRAPHY



From left, Concert president RBC senior vice-president Tony Loffreda, Susan Wener, honoree Jonathan Wener, Montreal Mayor Denis Coderre and Hydro-Québec distribution president André Boulanger at the successful Concert Against Cancer for the Montreal Cancer Institute. MCN



Organizing committee members Suzy Hanna, Gaby D'Intino, Yves Beauchesne, Pina Arcamone, Sue Dabrowski and Mayssa Rifai bask in the success of the Missing Children's Network's 30th Anniversary Sunglasses at Night '80s Dance Party. JOHN ZIMMERMAN PHOTOGRAPHY

attorney/partner Mathieu Piché-Messier; MCN cofounder Marcèle Lamarche and husband Yves Beauchesne; Montreal Canadiens alums Rick Green and Gilbert Delorme; John Bowman, Kyries Hebert and Andrew Lue of the Montreal Alouettes; Air Canada Foundation's Julie Mailhot; Caroline Lachance, Marjorie and Eric Fortin (the family of David Fortin, missing from Alma, Québec, since 2009); Andrée Béchar and Michel Bergeron (parents of Marilyn Bergeron, missing from Québec City since 2008); and sublime indefatigable director general of MCN Pina Arcamone.

The '80s eve that would have made Corey Hart's heart beat with pride, raised a heartwarming \$150,000 for the MCN's

Child Recovery and Prevention Programs.

ONE LAST NOTE: And finally, before we go, a special Social Notes Salute is in order to the powers-that-be behind the recent Concert Against Cancer for the Montreal Cancer Institute, presented under the distinguished patronage of 2015 Concert president Tony Loffreda, RBC senior vice-president. The annual sold-out event at Place des Arts attracted a glittering crowd that turned out in droves to support the cause and pay homage to honoree, esteemed humanitarian and businessman Jonathan Wener. More than \$400,000 was raised.

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