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CIRQUE DU SOLEIL STUDIO

MONTRÉAL, QUÉBEC, CANADA



Representing a major urban development, the Cirque du Soleil "Studio" headquarters is a place for creation, production and services. It is a place that improves the lives of the people at the Cirque – an international meeting point for artists. The concept of the site reflects the Cirque du Soleil's imagery and style. An organization with a nomadic culture settles in by the old Miron quarry.

Scéno Plus conducted feasibility studies on twelve existing buildings in the Montreal region. None was deemed compatible with the specific needs of the project. Therefore, the conclusion was to build a new establishment.

The research and site studies were also conducted by Scéno Plus to select the location of their new headquarters. The chosen site: the grounds of the old waste elimination centre in Montreal – the Miron quarry. A strategic choice to support the area and to bring life to a run-down property.

The buildings that make up the headquarters complex have an industrial appearance. Finishing range from the use of neutral coloured materials such as steel, to coloured fabric draped over the interior walls. The spaces are linked by a central corridor acting as a main road, creating synergy between the different functions.

An interesting characteristic of this intelligent building is its sophisticated system of energy recycling, extremely appreciated during the vigorous Quebec winters.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Client	Cirque du Soleil
Cost	C\$17.5 M
Area	180,000 square feet
Inauguration	1997

