

## "Last Game at The Forum"

### *Book, Gallery Exhibit & Music Video*

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Montreal-based documentary filmmaker & photographer **Ezra Soiferman** presented "Last Game at The Forum", his time-capsule photo series featuring previously-unseen images of the fans, staff, structure and soul of the beloved Montreal Forum. Shot during the very last Canadiens hockey match played there - on March 11th, 1996 - the critically acclaimed 72-page [limited edition coffee-table book](#), 25-image gallery exhibit and [music video](#) all commemorate the 20th anniversary of this historic event.

**Book Launch & Gallery Opening – Took place Friday, March 11th, 2016, 5-7pm**

Exhibit: Took place March 11 - March 25th, 2016 -- **Held over until April 8th, 2016**

Location: Le Frame Shoppe's Art Victoria Park exhibition space, 376 Victoria Ave., Westmount

For more info on this project, please visit [EzSez.com](http://EzSez.com)

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## **"Last Game at The Forum"**

***Book & Gallery Exhibit***

# QUOTES

**"Beyond excited, I got teary-eyed." - *Toula Drimonis, CJAD***

**"I became wildly nostalgic as soon as I started to look at these pictures... This is a really fascinating story... It managed to capture the spirit of another era. A fantastic and creative idea... Ezra Soiferman is just one of the coolest people I've met. If you have ever been to the Montreal Forum, or if you never got to go to the Forum, you want to see this."**

**-Terry DiMonte, *CHOM 97.7FM***

**"Amazing book" - *Kelly Greig, Global News - Montreal***

**"Ezra Soiferman's book revives Montreal Forum ghosts. What's most appealing is that the photos don't focus on the game, rather on the fans, Forum hot-dog and beer dispensers and other human fixtures and the building itself. "**

**-Bill Brownstein, *Montreal Gazette***

**"Soiferman certainly accomplished his goal of capturing the soul of the old Montreal Forum."**

**-Stuart Nulman, *The Montreal Times***



## FOREWORD

For many, the Canadiens are the heart of Montreal, the Forum was the body they inhabited and the employees were the soul of the organization. I remember going to the hockey games as a child and being captivated by the spirit of the Forum. The sound of the fans cheering as they watched their heroes race down the ice provoked a feeling of excitement and pride that echoed through the building. I felt these emotions the first time that I walked into the Forum and these feelings remained with me on the last night it was open. As president of the Montreal Canadiens, the Forum became my second home and the employees, my second family. This book was compiled to commemorate the historic occasion of the Forum's closure and to demonstrate to fans what the building and the people who were in it every day truly represented. These images have accomplished exactly that goal and I hope you will appreciate it as much as I have.

**Ronald Corey**

President, Montreal Canadiens, 1982-1999



## ARTIST'S STATEMENT & BIO

As a kid, the highlight of going to a Canadiens hockey game at the Montreal Forum was walking into the building's massive rink area through one of its many hallowed hallways. The glow of the rink - not to mention the backdraft of cigarette smoke - sucked you right down those cinder-block corridors past the silhouettes of veteran ushers sometimes too entranced by the night's game to help you find your seat.

The two-decade journey of this project began with a free ticket to the third-to-last game at the Forum back in late February 1996. A friend had offered me a ticket and not being quite as big a hockey fan as I was when I was a kid, I spent most of the game wandering around the building, taking snapshots on my pocket 35mm camera.

At one point, a large bearded man abruptly stopped me. Fantastic, I mused, now I'm going to be ejected from the building by an undercover security guard. Turns out the burly fellow was André Ouellet, the longest-serving anthem singer at the Forum. He was simply curious as to why I was taking photos. Once I explained that I was hoping to capture a few images for historical purposes, Mr. Ouellet asked me if I'd like to return, as his guest, to the final Canadiens match at the Forum on March 11th to take shots of him singing his last anthem there. I jumped at the invitation and showed up on the 11th with a better camera and pockets stuffed with rolls of film.

After photographing Mr. Ouellet belting out the U.S. Anthem (Roger Doucet performed "O Canada" posthumously, via videotape on the big screens), I got busy trying to accomplish my main goal of the evening: gathering 'time capsule' images of the staff, the fans and of the fabled building itself. I had a hunch that everyone else with a camera that night would have their lenses pointed at the game itself and the emotional intro ceremony (remember the 7-minute ovation for Maurice "Rocket" Richard?). The young documentarian in me, however, was more interested in the building's soul than the building's show.

After shooting some 250 slides and black and white photos, including one of Mr. Ouellet next to the beaming retired Habs legend Guy Lafleur, I headed home satisfied that I'd accomplished my mission. When I saw the resulting images a week later, I was even more excited. But rather than rushing to immediately show the shots publicly, I decided it was just 'too soon'. Indeed, for many years, mere mention of the Forum - which had become a cinema complex - brought a sigh from most Habs fans. So, I stowed the photos in a box and put them 'on ice', hoping one day they'd serve as a nostalgic surprise for Montreal hockey fans and lovers of the venerable shrine on St-Catherine corner Atwater.

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Then, one night in 2014 during Habs playoff fever, I remembered my slides from the last game and ventured into the garage to find them. I dusted off my old slide projector and shuttled through the images up on the wall. I was captivated by what I'd captured in 1996 as a recent college grad. That night at the Forum was electric and sprung to life on the faces of the proud staff and scores of energized fans. I did some quick math and realized the 20th anniversary of the last game would be coming up in just over a year; as good a time as any to have the images scanned into digital files and for me to finally get these photographs out there.

It is an honour to present this series to fellow Montrealers and Canadiens fans. I hope the images conjure up good memories of the many games played at the Forum as well as the many concerts that took place there. And in case you were wondering, the Canadiens played the Dallas Stars on that last night and beat them 4-1. Go Habs Go!

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Ezra Soiferman - March, 2016

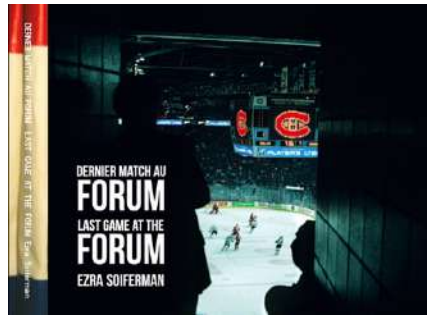


*After the last game - March 11, 1996*

## **Biography - Ezra Soiferman**

Montreal-based filmmaker and photographer Ezra Soiferman (b. 1972) shoots and directs documentaries and photo series about fascinating people and places that warm hearts, uplift spirits, and provoke thought and laughter. His works (including "Grass Fed", "Man of Grease" and "Tree Weeks") have screened or won awards at over 30 film festivals worldwide since 1994, when he graduated in Film & TV from NYU's Tisch School of the Arts. He has also produced film festivals, served on festival juries and is the co-founder and director of the Montreal Film Group, a networking group for Montreal film and TV industry members.

Ezra shares his films and photos on his blog, [EzSez.com](http://EzSez.com).



# The Music Video



To Watch the video featuring the song "We Go Home" by Adam Cohen on YouTube:  
<https://youtu.be/6ob0e5o0HVU>

## Artist's Statement on Music Video for "Last Game at The Forum"

Deep down, I always had a goal to set my Last Game images to music.

Then, as if by magic, after letting the photos marinate in my garage and in my head for 20 years, the creation of this music video (or 'music photo' as I like to call it since it's composed entirely of photographs) snapped together like an effortless puzzle.

I've loved Adam Cohen's timeless, anthemic song "We Go Home" from the minute it came out last year, such a Canadian classic, and on the weekend before the last few days of the gallery exhibit I had a flash of inspiration to try laying down my Forum photos to that song.

In a quick couple of hours, it was completely done and I was thrilled. I cold-called Adam's manager Jake Gold in Toronto first thing Monday morning, then Jake emailed the video to Adam and within an hour I had Adam's full blessing to release the video. All Adam asked for in exchange: a signed copy of the book! I thank the Ghosts of the Forum for the big assist on me scoring this short and sweet artistic goal.

**-Ezra Soiferman, March 2016, Montreal**





## "Last Game at The Forum"

# RADIO COVERAGE

- Book and gallery exhibit discussed on **Dave Fisher's Dave's World CJAD** radio show by Gazette columnist **Bill Brownstein** on March 19th, 2016.
- Ezra Soiferman participated in a Forum reminiscence session and interview on **CJAD's The Exchange** with Dave Kaufman and Dave McGimpsey on Friday, March 11th
- Interview with Ezra on **TSN Radio 690's "The Montreal Forum" show** with Tony Marinaro on March 11th.
- Sue Smith interviewed Ezra on **CBC-Montreal's Homerun** drive-home show on March 10th
- Interview with Ezra on **CHOM 97.7FM** with Terry DiMonte + Heather Backman on March 10th.
- 25-minute interview with Ezra on **CJAD** with host Toulia Drimonis on March 5th.

All interviews are archived at [www.soundcloud.com/ezra-soiferman](http://www.soundcloud.com/ezra-soiferman)





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## 25 years later, memories of closing night at the Forum still fresh in Montrealers' minds



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### 25 years since the last game at the Forum

It was 25 years ago today that the Montreal Canadiens played their last game at the Forum. Some Montrealers look back.

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### Montrealers share Forum memories, 25 years later

On the 25th anniversary of the last hockey game at the Forum, Montrealers share fond memories.

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MONTREAL — It was a seven-minute standing ovation — a tribute to the man who came to define the Montreal Canadiens — that closed the Montreal Forum.

March 11, 2021 marks 25 years since the Habs played their last game at the hallowed hockey arena. The closing ceremony that night honoured the storied history of the team and the building itself. But the crowd saved its loudest cheer for Maurice Richard, who won eight Stanley Cups with the team.

"All the banners were obviously there, all the retired jerseys were up in the rafters. It felt special playing in that building," said former player Vincent Damphousse, who was on the ice that night — and the night in 1993 when the team won its last Stanley Cup.



As the clock ticked down, the memories came flooding back.

"When I looked at the clock and said, 'dernière minute de jeu dans l'histoire du Forum' — last minute of play in the history of the Forum — it all sank in. I said, 'Oh my god, this is it,'" said Michel Lacroix, the Canadiens' public address announcer.

In the stands, author and photographer Ezra Soiferman snapped photos, capturing the quirks of the Forum — from ushers watching the action to the hot dog machines.

"Walking into that building was like walking into the holy of holies," he said. "When you came up the hallway and the smoke was billowing... literally, you came up and there was cigarette smoke coming and you'd walking and see the silhouette of an usher standing there."

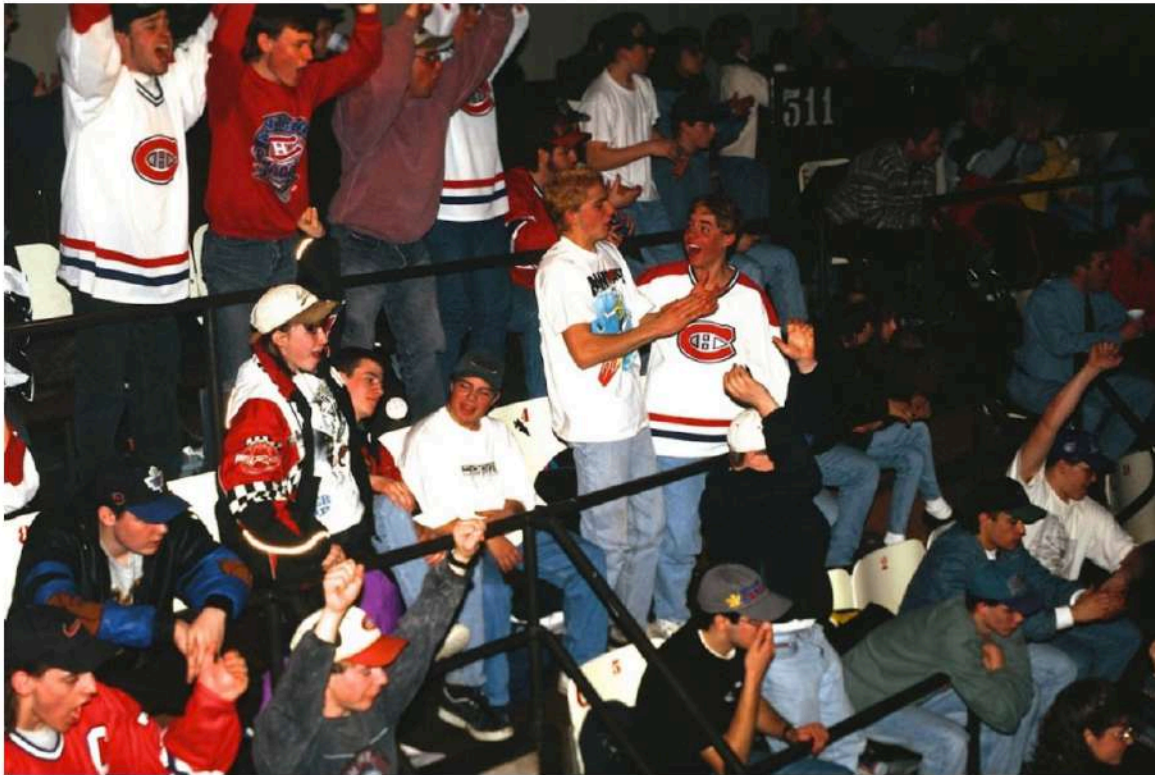
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*photo: Ezra Soiferman*

The Forum opened at 2313 Ste-Catherine St. W. in 1924 with 9,300 seats, and expanded during two renovations. It included a standing room, sarcastically known as "the millionaires' section."

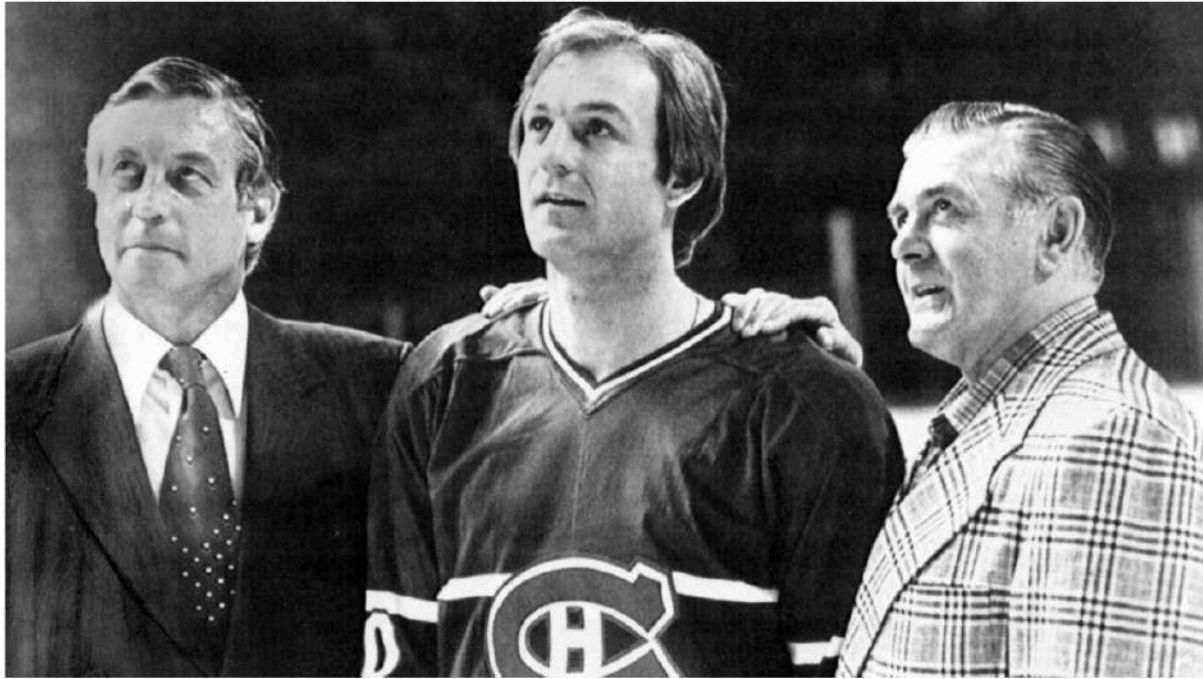
"They'd put tickets on sale for 50 cents or a dollar on game day. People would line up and just rush to the benches just behind the nets. They weren't even seats," said Dave Stubbs, an NHL hockey historian. "The way that building was constructed, it was so vertical. You either needed a Sherpa guide or a mountain goat to get up there."

As the league expanded, the inner workings of the forum did not. The locker room remained a cramped space for players.

"It was very small. It was built in such a way that a player couldn't escape the eye of another player," said Stubbs. "So if Rocket Richard is sitting in the dressing room in the late 1980s and he didn't like the way someone was playing, he would just have to look down at that player."

But it was home to some of the greats of the game.

"When I got to the Canadiens, I would see Jean Beliveau all the time. I would see Maurice Richard, Yvon Lambert. So you felt the responsibility to perform when you wore that jersey," he said.



*Three eras of the Montreal Canadiens are pictured at the Forum in Montreal, Que., on April 12, 1979. From left, Jean Beliveau (1950s and 1960s), Guy Lafleur (1970s) and Maurice "Rocket" Richard (1940s and 1950s). THE CANADIAN PRESS/Doug Ball*

The Forum was also the premier concert venue in Montreal, hosting the likes of the Beatles, Queen and Bob Marley.

"That's a great memory of trying to get to the ticket office before the 'vendu' (sold) sign would come down," said Terry DiMonte, morning host at rock radio station CHOM 97.7.

DiMonte remembers his first Forum show.

"I was outraged by the ticket price. It was \$7.40 and I was wondering who was going to pay that kind of money to see Elton John," DiMonte said.

"It's kind of sad to see the Forum now. You're nostalgic quite a bit. There's just a row of seats you see there now," said Damphousse.

The legendary rink saw the Canadiens win 22 of their 24 championships – and the Habs haven't won a Stanley Cup since.

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On March 11, 1996, the Montreal Canadiens played their last game at the Forum. Ezra Soiferman captured the night in these pictures.

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This image from Ezra Soiferman's book, *Last Game at the Forum*, showing the glowing ice as viewed from the hallway, is titled *Silhouette*.

## BOOK REVIVES FORUM GHOSTS



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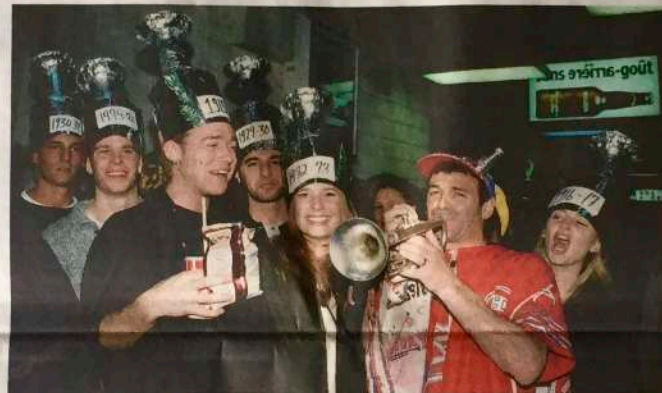
The photo is rather telling: Some Habs fans hover over a trumpet-player. The fans are all sporting tinfoil facsimiles of the Stanley Cup on their heads, each one bearing a different year in which the Montreal Canadiens won hockey's biggest prize.

The photo was taken 20 years ago, but it could have been snapped yesterday. It's still historically accurate. As most fans are abundantly aware, the Habs haven't won a Stanley Cup in the ensuing years. The last of the team's 24 cups was won in the 1992-93 season.

The shot in question, featuring Habs super-fan Kid Mercury on trumpet, is part of a new exhibition and book by Montreal filmmaker/photographer Ezra Soiferman. Titled *Last Game at the Forum* (Dernier match au Forum), the volume includes 65 colour and black-and-white photos shot during the Habs' last Forum match on March 11, 1996. Almost half of those photos are on display until March 25 at the Art Victoria Park exhibition space in Westmount.

For the record, the Canadiens beat the Dallas Stars 4-1 that night. The team would then move to its current home and lose to the New York Rangers in the first round of the playoffs that season.

The 1995-96 Habs season was marked by one near-cataclysmic



Ezra Soiferman's photograph of Stanley Cup Hats with Kid Mercury captures the mood of the Forum at the time.

event: goaltending superstar Patrick Roy, engaged in a battle of wills with coach Mario Tremblay, was traded to Colorado. And with that trade went the hopes and dreams of a Stanley Cup parade that spring - and for many more years to come.

Yet many fans also felt that, in abandoning the shrine that was the Montreal Forum later that season, the fickle hockey gods and ghosts of teams past had cast a curse on them ever winning the cup again.

It's been painfully hard to dispute that theory so far.

What's most appealing about Soiferman's book and display is that the photos don't focus on the game, rather on the fans,

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Forum hot dog and beer dispensers and other human fixtures and the building itself. Those were the days when the predominant colour was Habs red, when standing-room allowed the less-well-heeled to root on the team, when buying a few brews didn't require the equivalent of a second mortgage. Those were indeed glorious days for Nos Glorieux, when Stanley Cup parades were pretty much a rite of spring on city streets. And the display-cum-book will bring back all that nostalgia.

Soiferman, 24 at the time he took the photos, hadn't intended to embark on this project initially. A friend had invited him to the third-last game at the Forum, and Soiferman took the opportunity to snap some shots as a personal memento. But while shooting, he ran into a burly gent whom he assumed was a security guard and whom he figured would toss him

out of the Forum. Turned out that the fellow was Habs anthem-singer André Ouellet, and he was so impressed with Soiferman's interest that he invited him as his guest to take shots of him belting the U.S. national anthem for that last Forum game (a video of the late Roger Doucet performed the Canadian anthem).

Soiferman was happy with the results but decided it was too soon to do anything. So he put the photos "on ice," in a box, and forgot about them until playoff fever hit a crescendo two years ago. And so came the plan to put the photos in a book and to mount a display to mark the 20th anniversary of that last game at the Forum.

"I didn't think the timing was right after I took the pictures,

### AT A GLANCE

The photo exhibition *Last Game at the Forum* (Dernier match au Forum) is on display until March 25 at Art Victoria Park, 376 Victoria Ave. The book *Last Game at the Forum* (Dernier match au Forum) costs \$96 and is available at EzSez.com or by calling 514-369-2633.

because much of the city was kind of mourning the loss of the Forum," says Soiferman, while conducting a tour of his exhibit. "The place was just so hallowed for hockey."

"But, frankly, I've been blown away with the public's interest in my little time-capsule art project. I knew the Forum had really touched so many Montrealers, but I didn't realize to what extent it had."

Of note, Ouellet, who hasn't sung anthems at Habs games since that last Forum bout, has been invited back to perform them March 29 at the Bell Centre, where the visiting team will be the Detroit Red Wings.

"He is so excited that he feels he just might explode while singing," Soiferman says. "He's such a character, like the Pavarotti of Laval."

Soiferman points out that many of the Forum faithful in his photos are still around, and if any spot themselves in the shots, he will provide them a free signed print of the image as a token of his appreciation.

Those fans not caught on camera by Soiferman can also purchase prints from the show. Though he has been shooting photos since he was a teen, Soiferman has been far better known as a documentary filmmaker.

And quite the trajectory his path has taken: from hash-browns to hash. The former is a reference to his much acclaimed doc *Man of Grease* (2000), chronicling the life of Cosmos owner and "Lord of the Potatoes," the late Tony Koulakis. The latter, *Grass Fed* (2015), deals with Montreal comic Mike Paterson's success in dealing with chronic back pain through the use of medical marijuana.

"I had been a huge Habs fan as a kid and followed all the stats," Soiferman recalls. "But my love for the Forum has never waned: I can still remember walking through the hallways and seeing the ice just glowing at me, beckoning me to come in."

"The place was just so magical. It's still one of the most special buildings in Montreal, but, unfortunately, the most special aspect of it doesn't happen there any more."

But he is doing his part to bring back those memories. [bbrownstein@postmedia.com](mailto:bbrownstein@postmedia.com) [Twitter.com/billbrownstein](https://twitter.com/billbrownstein)



Guy Lafleur shakes hands with anthem singer André Ouellet, who would prove central in photographer Ezra Soiferman attending the last game.



The Forum's days as the centre of hockey are now just a memory.



# 20 years ago was the final hockey game in the old Forum

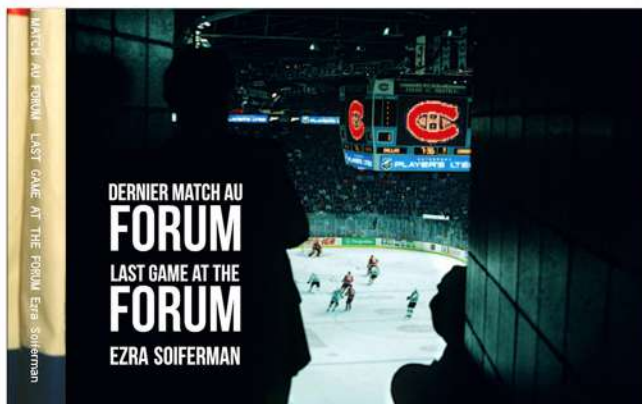


By Stuart Nulman  
mtlimes.ca

It was exactly 20 years ago this month that a chapter in the illustrious history of the Montreal Canadiens came to a close.

On March 11, 1996, after a home game between the Habs and the Dallas Stars (which Les Canadiens won by a score of 4-1), the Montreal Forum, the venerable hockey shrine that the Canadiens called their home since 1926, closed its doors after 72 years of hosting countless Maroons and Canadiens hockey games, not to mention wrestling and boxing matches, circuses, ice shows, special events and concerts of all kinds.

Montreal documentary filmmaker and photographer Ezra Soiferman was a college graduate at the time, and just so happened to be in attendance at that final game at the Forum. Armed with his camera, Soiferman decided to shoot a photographic chronicle of the Forum's swan song. However, while most of the media assigned to cover the event opted for the action on the ice between the Habs and the Stars, and the emotional closing ceremonies immediately following the game (including the memorable standing ovation given to Maurice "Rocket" Richard), he decided to photograph the final game at the Forum from the point of view of the employees, the vendors, the



Last game at the FORUM by Ezra Soiferman

action behind the scenes, and the fans in the stands. As Soiferman says, he was "more interested in the building's soul than the building's show."

After he shot more than 250 images of what went on during this sad hockey milestone, they ended up being stored away in his garage. In the spring of 2014, during the Habs' remarkable playoff run, Soiferman decided to dust off those photos he took at the Forum and after viewing them with a sense of pride and nostalgia, decided to make use of these photos and share them with the public, especially with the 20th anniversary of that final game just two years away.

The end result was Last

Game at the Forum, an attractive 72-page limited edition hardcover book that features 65 of those images he shot during that March 11, 1996 game (in black & white and colour). The book was officially launched last March 11, exactly 20 years to the day that famous final game was played. And to coincide with the book's release, an exhibition featuring some of the photos from the book was opened at Le Frame Shoppe's ArtVictoria Park exhibition space, which is located in the lobby of 376 Victoria Avenue in Westmount, which runs until March 25.

Looking at Soiferman's photos that he featured in the book and exhibition



One of the stairways in the old Forum

certainly brought back a lot of fond memories of the Habs' glory days at the Forum, especially those countless games I went to during the 70s, 80s and 90s (my first Canadiens game at the Forum was against St. Louis in January of 1970), and seeing the images of the vendors of those famous Forum hot dogs, the "A venir" board outside the building that listed upcoming hockey games and events, those sturdy old red seats, and the always enthusiastic fans (especially those 24 fans who were dressed as each of the Stanley Cups the Habs won), brought me back to those games that I experienced, and Soiferman certainly ac-

complished his mission of capturing the soul of the old Montreal Forum.

Also, Soiferman added that the response to book has been so overwhelming, that its first print run sold out almost immediately, and a second printing is on its way. And as an extra bonus, he said that if anyone spots themselves in any of the photos he took that are featured in the book or the exhibition, they will receive a free print of the photo in question (personally signed by Soiferman) as a token of his appreciation.

For more information about the book *Last Game at the Forum*, or about the photo exhibition, go to [www.EzSez.com](http://www.EzSez.com) or:

[www.leframeshoppe.com](http://www.leframeshoppe.com)



# Remembering the Montreal Forum



Mike Cohen

Noted West End documentary filmmaker and photographer Ezra Soiferman has been keeping a certain photo book project secret for 20 years. *Last Game at The Forum* will launch with a 5 à 7 gallery exhibit and book launch at Art Victoria Park this Friday on Victoria Avenue in Westmount. It will feature a limited edition, bilingual, 66-page coffee table book and many framed, never-before-seen documentary images of the staff, fans, structure and soul of the beloved Montreal Forum, which shut its doors as a sports and entertainment venue two decades ago and eventually came back to life as movie theatre complex, along with a few other stores and restaurants.

I was among those lucky enough to be at the final game between the Habs and the Dallas Stars. "I never knew how long I would wait to release these photos," Soiferman shared with me. "There was such sadness about the Forum closing back in the day that I always kept saying to myself 'Too soon.' There was a certain grieving pe-



PHOTO BY EZRA SOIFERMAN


Forum hot dogs being served for one final night.

riod I think the city needed to go through. Now that the mourning is over and fans are entrenched in the Bell Centre, and it's such a big anniversary, I felt it was time to go for it and get these images out there. The response has been incredible. I have pre-orders coming in by e-mail and I am setting

up a way for people to buy copies through my EzSez.com site."

Soiferman gave me an advance look at the book and it is indeed quite impressive. The show continues until March 25. There will be 24 images up on the walls, plus a number of other photos of Soiferman's from other photo series. The book contains 60 images in colour and black and white and features a beautifully written forward by former Canadiens President, Ronald Corey.

Fans share memories as Habs celebrate 20th anniversary of last game at Montreal Forum



March 11, 2016

By Kelly Greig Photojournalist

Global News

MONTREAL- It's a night etched in the memories of Montreal Canadiens fans: March 11, 1996: the final game the Habs played at the iconic Forum.

The legends lined the ice, known better by their nicknames: the Roadrunner, Gump and of course, the Rocket.

Twenty years later, Habs fan Michel Crelinsten still remembers the way he felt watching the seven and half minute ovation for Maurice Richard.

"We had chills for the whole evening. The ovation just washed through all of us," he told Global News.

"We were 20,000 fans and we were all connected, one to the other and with the team. It was special."

The Forum opened in 1924.

It was home to the Montreal Maroons hockey team before the Canadiens moved in two years later.

An arena so old had it's quirks, little details that fans still hold close to their hearts.

"The gates would open and we would all run in to grab a spot," said Crelinsten.

"We'd put our coats over the standing room railing so we could go get hot dogs and beers and not lose our spot and people were very respectful of territory."

WATCH: Remembering the last Habs game at the Forum

Filmmaker and photographer Ezra Soiferman documented that historic night in photos.

The images were forgotten, lying in his garage for nearly two decades.

Now, he's put together a book to commemorate the night.

"I didn't want to focus on the game at all," he said.

"I knew everyone else who came to the game that night would have their cameras and focus on the game. It was more important to capture the people who worked here and made this place happen."

For Montreal Canadiens fans, the iconic seats, the bleu-blanc-et-rouge, and in fact the entire building, is about more than just hockey.

"Some of my formative memories were walking down the hallways and seeing the glow from the ice," said Soiferman.

He can still remember the cigarette smoke billowing down the hallways and the price of beer: \$4.10.

After 24 Stanley Cups, over 10,000 goals and 1,500 wins, the Canadiens moved to their new home.

"The biggest difference between this place and the Bell Centre is that we won here," said Crelinsten.

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Video Clip 1: It's a special day in history as the Montreal Canadiens celebrate the 20th anniversary of the last game they played at the Montreal Forum.



Video Clip 2: Filmmaker and photographer Ezra Soiferman documented that historic night in photos.



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### Temps de hockey

Il était une fois le Canadien, le soir du 11 mars 1996, au Forum de Montréal... Dans le cadre de la parution de son livre *Dernier match au Forum*, le photographe [Ezra Soiferman](#) expose une bonne partie des photos de l'ouvrage où revit, en couleurs ou en noir et blanc, l'ultime match du Tricolore en ces lieux. Voilà de quoi se rappeler l'électricité des soirs de match tout en revoyant la foule qui se pressait au Forum.

*Jusqu'au 25 mars à l'espace Art Victoria Park, 376, avenue Victoria à Westmount.*

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## *Old Forum/Habs nostalgia on display in Vic Park lobby*



A book launch and photo exhibition of NDG resident Ezra Soiferman's *Last Game at The Forum*, opened in the Victoria Park lobby March 11. The previously unseen images – taken at the Habs' final hockey game at the Montreal Forum on the same date in March in 1996 – included a shot of a fan holding a sign “No 1 Fan from Newfoundland” and staff, as well as the Forum's distinctive red seats, scoreboard and building. Published to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the event, the coffee-table book contains 65 images of the 250 taken. Soiferman explained that “he knew he had captured the moment” but waited for an opportune time to publish the images. The photographs are to remain on display until Friday, March 25 at 376 Victoria Ave. *Photo by Heather Black*

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## *Comin' Up*

### **FRIDAY, MARCH 11**

Vernissage and book launch of Ezra Soiferman's *Last Game at The Forum*, 5 pm to 7 pm in the lobby of Victoria Park, 376 Victoria Ave.





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### ITS A MUST SEEE

Filmmaker and photographer Ezra Soiferman has captured an historical moment in Montreal with his new project, "Last Game at The Forum". Here's a chance to go back in time. We Invite all Canadiens fans to check out the gallery exhibit at Art Victoria Park. 376 Victoria Ave., Westmount. Exhibit runs until Friday, March 25th, daily from 7am-10pm.

<http://www.EzSez.com>



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Adam Cohen tune We Go Home serves as musical accompaniment to Ezra Soiferman's book Last Game at Forum in new vid: [youtu.be/6ob0e5o0HVU](https://youtu.be/6ob0e5o0HVU)