
The Québec Sports Hall of Fame and BFL CANADA are proud to present the 2016 Inductees

Seven legends will be admitted to the Hall of Fame on September 28th

Montreal, June 20, 2016 – The Québec Sports Hall of Fame and BFL CANADA -sponsor of the 26th Induction Gala- are honored to unveil the names of the seven persons who will be admitted to the Québec Sports Hall of Fame in 2016.

The occurrence of an induction into the Québec Sports Hall of Fame and the recognition from his peers for having marked, in an exceptional way, the rise of growth or development of sports in Québec, deserve admiration. This is the reason why it is essential to immortalize the exploits of athletes and builders to ensure that our sports history lives on.

"The Québec Sports Hall of Fame" has for mission to recognize those who have marked the sporting history of Québec. On the occasion of our 26th Induction Gala, we will honor seven legends who, by their exploits or their contribution to the development of sports, have displayed the overpassing and the excellence that they have shown and the pride with which they have inspired us." said Jacques Baril, President of the Québec Sports Hall of Fame. "With the support of our sponsor, BFL CANADA, and Mr. Barry F. Lorenzetti, our Honorary President, we will do our utmost to emphasize with dignity the careers of the 2016 Inductees."

The 2016 cohort consists of five athletes and two builders.

ATHLETES

ANDRÉ BEAUDOIN – WHEELCHAIR ATHLETICS

André has an impressive track record which is equally as remarkable as his determination. In all, six Paralympic Games (Seoul, Barcelona, Atlanta, Sydney, Athens, Beijing) under his belt, with at least one medal at each event. He holds a total of fourteen medals at the Paralympics and moreover, he became the world record holder of the men's 100 meters in T52. Presented by **TELUS**.

JEAN-PHILIPPE DARCHE – FOOTBALL

A former McGill University Star Player. He played in the National Football League with the Seattle Seahawks (2000 to 2006) and with the Kansas City Chiefs (2007 and 2008), participating in 120 games. This long snapper also participated in the Super Bowl XL in February of 2006. Presented by **RDS**.

ÉMILIE HEYMANS – DIVING

Member of the National Team from 1997 to 2013, she has the distinction of having been on the podium at the four Olympic Games Editions (2000 to 2012). During her career, she collected four medals at the Olympics, five medals at the Pan American Games as well as at the Commonwealth

Games. Gold diving platform medalist at the FINA World Championships in 2003. Presented by **Garda World**.

DAVE KEON – HOCKEY

In 18 NHL seasons with Toronto and Hartford, he scored 396 goals and 986 points in 1,296 games and won four Stanley Cups while in the uniform of the Maple Leafs (1962, 1963, 1964, 1967). The center from Noranda (Québec) also played four seasons in the WHA, collecting 102 goals and 291 points in 301 games. Inducted in the Hockey Hall of Fame. Presented by **Desjardins**.

KIM ST-PIERRE – HOCKEY

Triple gold medalist at the Olympics in Salt Lake City in 2002, Turin in 2006 and in Vancouver in 2010. She has five titles in the Women's Hockey World Championships in addition to being a member of the team who won the silver medal on four different occasions. Kim St-Pierre holds the records for the most wins, shutouts and games with the National Team. Presented by **BFL CANADA**.

BUILDERS

JACQUES DEMERS – HOCKEY

Coach in the NHL with Québec, St. Louis, Detroit, Tampa Bay and the Montreal Canadiens with whom he won the Stanley Cup in 1993. In the NHL, Jacques Demers coached more than 1,000 games and won 409 victories. Recipient of the Jack Adams Award in 1987 and 1988. He is the only coach to have received that award for two consecutive years. Presented by **Molson Coors**.

MAURICE TANGUAY – HOCKEY AND MULTISPORTS

A person with a strong involvement of over 50 years in sports as sponsor, founder and shareholder of teams. In 1995, along with some Rimouski businessmen, Maurice Tanguay founded the Oceanic with whom he won the Memorial Cup in 2000. He is also the author of the Sport Excellence Program of the Laval University *Rouge et Or* for the football section, winner of eight editions of the Vanier Cup. Presented by **CGI**.

These seven persons were chosen by a Selection Committee of eleven Members composed of athlete members of the Hall of Fame as well as of personalities from the sports community and the media. The 2016-cohort will be officially inducted into the Québec Sports Hall of Fame at the 26th Gala under the honorary presidency of Mr. Barry F. Lorenzetti of BFL CANADA on Wednesday, September 28, 2016, at the prestigious *Le Mirage Golf Club* in Terrebonne.

20 personalities inducted posthumously

Faced with the fact that it was difficult, despite an outstanding contribution, to integrate many deceased personalities due to the limited number of Inductees into regular cohorts, the Québec Sports Pantheon has decided to process a special induction of 20 personalities who have significantly contributed to Québec's sporting history. Consequently, 14 athletes, 4 builders and 2 media representatives from different eras will be admitted to the Québec Sports Hall of Fame.

About the Québec Sports Hall of Fame and the Sports Museum

Founded in 1990, the Québec Sports Hall of Fame is a non-profit organization dedicated to the promotion of sports and the recognition and consecration of athletes and builders of the sports industry in the Province of Québec. To date, the Hall of Fame includes 206 Inductees, all athletes and builders from various sports and sectors of activities who are at the heart of the Pantheon maxim: " *Together, to ensure our sports history lives on.* " " The Museum of the Québec Sports Hall of Fame" which is recognized as a benevolent organization since 2014, is a flagship project which aims to create a place that will serve to gather the Québec sports memory by permanent and thematic exhibitions, by a dynamic animation and a documentation and archive center.

About BFL CANADA

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