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Reborn Montreal Based artist and guitar player known a few decades ago as Thin Coma, is taking on the challenge of an interdisciplinary art project to raise awareness of rape stigmas.

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Montreal, 2016 February 3, Wednesday— Marie Martine Bédard, recognized as a passionate and engaged woman, activist, politician and musician in her community, is working on a collaborative, interdisciplinary art project which took off this January 2016 with a Montreal and Toronto-based artist collective of musicians, photographers, dancers, choreographers and digital artists, who aim to raise awareness of rape stigmas.

"You've got to metaphorically leave this little dock and come with me to find out what's really in this ocean of feelings." — Tori Amos

Marie Martine Bédard's music career started in the early 80's. A journey of enlightenment ensued where societal stigmas and gender biases had to be shattered in order for a female, lead, electric guitar player to participate. Later in life, a greater challenge awaited her: surviving her rape. Marie Martine Bédard exclaims, "I am confident about the whole project. Every one's response so far has been fabulous. I truly did not expect so many positive answers from so many talented artists".



Marie Martine Bédard believes that her career in the music industry, albeit at grass-roots-levels, and her career in modelling prior to politics, business, social justice and even trauma, gives her the depth, insight and experiential training to orchestrate this interdisciplinary art project titled: **["The Great Hippocampus Question"](#)**.

"I am both delighted and honoured to be working with Marie Martine Bédard on this auspicious project! Martine has the uncanny ability to meld musical creativity with social commentary and justice.

Her talent provides the perfect medium to engage the public." — Elana Harte

Among the artists taking part in this collective are: the artist and photographer Julie Laurin; the Dutch artist with both a degree in Visual and Performance Arts, Jacqueline Van de Geer; the choreographer, dancer, researcher in dance and dance science, Karine Rathle; the singer and songwriter Marie-France Thibeault; the Toronto based folk singer and songwriter, Elana Harte; the pianist and artist Richard Blais and the producer and guitar player Lauren Belec.

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