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It is with great pleasure that I congratulate the recipients of the 35th Annual Vision Celebration Gala, as we celebrate Black Theatre Workshop's remarkable 50th anniversary.

BTW has been a leader in the theatre community of Montreal, producing outstanding theatre that educates, entertains and inspires. As the oldest running Black Theatre company in Canada, you continue to expand the representation of Black artists and to bridge the cultural gap that is still too often present between our country's diverse communities.

Allowing Black voices to be heard and Black stories to be told challenges those willing to hear. It can transform us as individuals and as a society, and inspire us to pursue this dialogue in other walks of life. I can't overstate BTW's impact as I was growing up in Montreal. It grounded my sense of self and of belonging, while also giving me the courage and passion to embark on my own journey.

Tonight's recipients transformed and inspired us. Thank you, Eddie Toussaint, for your contribution to dance, the arts and Black culture. Thank you, Thelma Johnson, for your entrepreneurship, community building and volunteer service to others in our community. You are both pillars of Montreal's Black community and truly deserve this honour. I also send my congratulations to the emerging artists in our community that we are recognizing tonight.

Thank you, BTW, for your inspiring leadership.

Be good.

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