

# MONTREAL METRO

## DOCUMENTARY MINI-SERIES



### Logline

*Montreal Metro* is a raw and compelling documentary mini-series chronicling the rise of hip hop and street gang culture in Montreal. It tells a dual narrative of artistic expression and urban violence that shaped generations, culminating in the unsolved assassination of local rap icon Bad News Brown.

### Overview

*Montreal Metro* explores both the underbelly and the heartbeat of one of North America's most distinctive cities. From the birth of Montreal hip hop in the 1980s, in parks, basements, and community centers, to the simultaneous rise of street gangs that emerged from social and economic marginalization, the series maps a cultural and criminal evolution across the island.

This six-part mini-series dives into how immigrant neighborhoods such as Saint-Michel, Côte-des-Neiges, Little Burgundy, NDG, RDP, and Montreal-Nord gave rise to a vibrant rap scene that became both a voice for the voiceless and a reflection of life on the streets. Using the Montreal Metro lines as a metaphorical thread and featuring archival footage, underground mixtapes, and interviews with DJs, MCs, gang experts, and community leaders, *Montreal Metro* traces the intertwined paths of two subcultures that were at times in conflict and at other times indistinguishable.

The final chapters focus on the life and mysterious 2011 murder of Bad News Brown, a harmonica-playing MC who once busked in the Metro and blurred musical genres and social boundaries. His death stands as a symbol of the chaos that once gripped the city and a haunting reminder of the world he came from.

### Themes

- Art as resistance and identity
- Poverty, immigration, and systemic neglect
- Brotherhood and betrayal
- Gentrification, policing, and survival
- The thin line between artist and outlaw

### Style

Gritty, cinematic, and deeply human. The series combines vérité documentary footage with stylized animation inspired by rap lyrics and real-life events to create a visceral, immersive viewing experience.

### Audience

For fans of hip hop history (*Hip-Hop Evolution*), true crime (*City of God: The Fight Continues*), and urban storytelling (*Top Boy*, *The Wire*), as well as anyone eager to uncover the hidden stories of Montreal.

### Technical Sheet

- **Title:**  
*Montreal Metro*
- **Format:**  
Documentary Mini-Series
- **Episodes:**  
6
- **Episode Duration:**  
53 minutes
- **Language:**  
French (English version available)
- **Genre:**  
Documentary / Urban Culture / True Crime
- **Location:**  
Montreal, Quebec

### Production Team

- **Creator / Director:**  
Mario Pierre-Canel
- **Executive Producer:**
- **Writer / Research Lead:**  
Mario Pierre-Canel
- **Production Company:**  
Grand Design
- **Status:**  
In Development

***Montreal Metro* is more than a documentary series. It is a deep exploration of the soul of a city.**

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