



Borduas. It was a calculated assault on the restricted, frozen past. One commentator has said that "modern French Canada began with Borduas." It called for individual liberty: ". . . Break permanently with the customs of society, disassociate yourself from its utilitarian values.

MAKE WAY FOR MAGIC! MAKE WAY FOR
OBJECTIVE MYSTERIES!
MAKE WAY FOR LOVE!
MAKE WAY FOR THE REAL
NECESSITIES! . . .

Refuse to live knowingly beneath the level of your
psychic potential. Refuse to close your eyes to

the vices, the frauds perpetrated under the guise
of knowledge, of services rendered, of favours
repaid. Refuse to live in the isolation of the
artistic ghetto, a place fortified but too easily
shunted aside. Refuse to be silent — make of us
what you please, but you must understand us —
refuse glory, honours (the first compromise):
those stigmata of the 'nuisance', the unconcerned,
the servile. Refuse to serve, to be made use of
for such ends. Refuse every INTENTION, pernicious
weapon of REASON. Down with both of
them; put them behind us."

