21 Balançoires



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When in motion, each swing in the series triggers different notes and, when used all together, the swings compose a musical piece in which certain melodies emerge only through cooperation.

Together with Luc-Alain Giraldeau, an animal behavior professor from the Université du Québec à Montréal's Science Faculty, we explored the concept of cooperation:

Cooperation emerges when the behavior of each individual depends on the decisions of the rest of the group: it $\hat{a} \in \mathbb{R}^m$ a game where, from the start, you need to adjust to the actions of others.

The result is a giant collective instrument that stimulates ownership of the new space, bringing together people of all ages and backgrounds, and creating a place for playing and hanging out in the middle of the city center.

