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## FAMILY ACTIVITIES AT THE McCORD MUSEUM OCTOBER 2014 - APRIL 2015

Montreal, August 21, 2014 – The McCord Museum offers a host of activities to families, making any visit to the Museum an entertaining and fascinating experience for one and all. Workshops, stories, learning materials and more are available to ensure children of all ages enjoy a memorable visit. The activities, offered year-round, school holidays included, are organized by the Museum's Education Programs Department.

### ■ **The Adventure at the Museum\*** (included with Museum admission)

Treat yourselves to a family outing that combines pure fun with a captivating introduction to history! On arrival at the Museum admissions desk, you'll receive a free backpack containing everything you'll need for your *Adventure at the Museum*.

This activity is available at all times for the permanent exhibition *Wearing our Identity - The First Peoples Collection* and, starting November 16, for the exhibition *The Island of Toys*.

\*Presented by Hydro-Québec in collaboration with motherforlife.com

### ■ **Sunday Workshops** (included with Museum admission)

- Until October 12, 2014, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Atrium.

Featuring a theme related to the exhibition *Music – Quebec: from Charlebois to Arcade Fire*, this activity invites families to create their own album cover by combining collages and illustrations.

- October 19 to November 9, 2014, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Atrium.

Basing themselves on the exhibition *Wearing our Identity - The First Peoples Collection*, visitors of all ages will enjoy creating a beaded bracelet inspired by the First Peoples art of beading.



Photo: McCord Museum

- **November 16, 2014 to April 19, 2015, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Atrium.**

History puts on its Sunday best for the treasures of the *Island of Toys!* This activity, inspired by the exhibition's theme, invites visitors to make their own treasure map using recycled materials.

■ **Story Hour** (included with Museum admission)

- **Saturdays and Sundays until November 9, at 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m.**

**In the exhibition halls.**

First Nations legends from yesterday and today await you at the Museum. In the *Wearing our Identity* exhibition halls, objects come to life through the tales told by our storytellers. Young and old are swept away to a world at the crossroads of the real and imaginary.

- **Saturdays and Sundays from November 16, 2014 to April 19, 2015, at 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m.**

**In the exhibition halls.**

The adventures of imaginary characters will transport young and old alike to the faraway, magical *Island of Toys*.

■ **Parents and Tots** (free admission for one parent and baby under 18 months)

**This activity is held on the last Wednesday of each month, except December, from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Atrium.**

- **Upcoming workshops:**

**August 27, September 24, October 29, November 26, January 28, February 25, March 25, April 29**

Precious moments shared with your baby. Come join us and learn to crochet, a craft passed down from one generation to the next. Touch and play boxes are available for your use in the exhibitions, enabling you and your child to make the most of your Museum visit. Wool and crochet hooks provided by the Museum. Free admission for one parent and baby. No reservation required. Access at any time during the activity.

Activity available in English and French.

■ **Children's Birthday Parties (additional fees)**

Three party themes are offered:

**TOTEM:** Find the animals hidden on the giant Haida totem pole, which has many secrets to reveal. In a creative workshop, children fashion a totem pole of their own family out of clay.

**SEARCH FOR THE LOST TALISMAN:** Set out on a treasure hunt through the Museum's collections to find the good-luck charm. In a creative workshop, children make their own talisman.

**ISLAND OF TOYS**, from November 18 to April 19: Search through a magical forest full of amazing characters to find crew members who've gone missing on an island full of toys. In a workshop, children make a character inspired by the exhibition's theme.

## Practical Information

### Hours

Tuesday to Friday, from 3 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday, from 10 a.m.

### Cost\*

\$200 (taxes included)

This fee comprises a 2-hour activity\*\* for 10 children and 2 adults.

A \$75 non-refundable deposit is required upon reservation.

\*Museum Members receive a 10% discount.

\*\*Party duration can be extended if schedules permit. Additional fees will apply.

The presence of two adults is required with the group at all times. All food planned for the activity is the responsibility of the customer. There is a \$5.75 fee for each additional child and a \$2.50 fee for each additional adult. A second guide will be assigned per 10 additional children, and a double fee will apply.

For information or to reserve: 514-398-7100, ext. 222

[reservation@mccord.mcgill.ca](mailto:reservation@mccord.mcgill.ca)

## ***Les Journées de la Culture: Sunday, September 28, 2014***

**Free access to the exhibition *Wearing our Identity – The First Peoples Collection and activities*.**

### **Stories and Traditions of First Peoples**

From 10:30 a.m. to noon and 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Collaboration: Sylvain Rivard, multidisciplinary Aboriginal artist.

#### *Aboriginal stories and legends*

The artist presents legends of yesterday and today.

#### *First Peoples ancestral knowledge*

Workshop in the art of beadwork inspired by First Nations.

Sylvain Rivard sheds light on a variety of First Peoples traditions through stories and demonstrations of the art of beadwork. Let yourself be inspired, and make a bracelet using an ancient technique, with the help of our facilitators.

### **Treasure hunt**

In addition, a treasure hunt, specifically designed for the exhibition *Wearing our Identity – The First Peoples Collection*, allows children and their parents to discover the rich collection of Aboriginal objects while having fun.

These activities are presented in English and French.

### **Short presentations of current exhibitions**

Please see the general McCord Museum brochure for information on presentation schedules.

### **Guided tours for groups**

Guided tours are available upon reservation. Please consult our program:

[http://www.musee-mccord.qc.ca/pdf/eduweb/Preview-  
Programme\\_adulte\\_e.pdf](http://www.musee-mccord.qc.ca/pdf/eduweb/Preview-Programme_adulte_e.pdf)

### **The McCord Museum**

The McCord Museum is dedicated to the preservation, study and appreciation of Montreal's history, as recounted by its people, artists and communities living in the city's past and present. The McCord Museum is home to one of the largest historical collections in North America, consisting of First Peoples objects, costumes and textiles, photographs, decorative and visual artworks, and textual archives, totalling more than 1.4 million artefacts. The McCord Museum produces exciting exhibitions that engage visitors from Montreal, Canada, and beyond by offering them a contemporary look at the world. The McCord Museum also offers educational and cultural activities, as well as innovative projects on the Internet. **McCord Museum: Our People, Our Stories.**

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