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## **Monique Jérôme-Forget appointed Chair of the McCord Museum Board of Trustees**

**Montreal, June 21, 2012** - The McCord Museum is pleased to announce the appointment of Monique Jérôme-Forget as Chair of its Board of Trustees and the election of Pierre Trahan as Board Member. Both have generously agreed to contribute to the development and growth of the McCord Museum. Ms. Jérôme-Forget replaces Line Rivard, who has been Chair of the Museum for the past four years.

Suzanne Sauvage, President and Chief Executive Officer of the McCord Museum, spoke about the announcement during the Annual Meeting on June 11, 2012:

*“The McCord Museum is delighted to be able to benefit from the collaboration and expertise of Monique Jérôme-Forget and welcomes Pierre Trahan to its Board of Trustees. We believe that their passion, dedication and goodwill, combined with our own, will enable us to pursue our mission and will help us achieve our objective to make our institution Montreal’s foremost museum of history.”*

### **About Monique Jérôme-Forget**

Monique Jérôme-Forget studied economics at the University of London in England, history at Johns Hopkins University, and political economy at Université de Montréal. She went on to earn a bachelor’s degree and PhD in psychology at McGill University.

She has enjoyed an extraordinary career, having been a lecturer at McGill University, psychologist with the Royal Victoria Hospital, and director of professional services at CLSC Métro. Her career took a pivotal turn when she was named Assistant Deputy Minister in the federal Department of Health and Welfare in Ottawa. She was then appointed chair of the Institut de recherche en santé et sécurité du travail, before being appointed CEO of the Institute for Research on Public Policy. She has sat on a number of boards of directors, including that of the McGill University Institute for Canadian Studies.

Ms. Jérôme-Forget has also held positions that include President of the Treasury Board and Minister Responsible for Government Administration in the Charest cabinet, as well as Minister of Government Services, Minister of Finance, and Minister Responsible for Infrastructures. Today she is a special

advisor with Montreal law firm Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt and acts as a consultant with Korn/Ferry.

### **About Pierre Trahan**

A lawyer by training and member of the Barreau du Québec, Pierre Trahan has acted as a legal adviser in a range of sectors for more than 25 years. He was legal adviser with Montreal law firm Mathieu et associés and was the founder and president of Cedarome Canada Inc. as well as the co-founder and partner of Druide Informatique.

Mr. Trahan is founder and president of the Division Gallery and co-founder and president of the Arsenal arts and events centre in Griffintown. Most recently, he has also become co-founder and president of the Arsenal arts and events centre in Toronto.

### **About the McCord Museum**

The McCord Museum is dedicated to the preservation, study and appreciation of Montreal's social history, as recounted by its people, artists and communities. 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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Possibility of interviews with Monique Jérôme-Forget, Chair of the Board of Trustees, and Suzanne Sauvage, President and Chief Executive Officer of the McCord Museum.

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