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***Nomadic Adventurers*, recipient of a CMA award
On exhibit June 1 to 13, 2010**

Montreal, May 20, 2010 – On May 12, 2010, in St. John's, Newfoundland, the McCord Museum was proud to receive the **Award of Outstanding Achievement in the Education category from the Canadian Museums Association**. The prize was awarded in recognition of the project *Nomadic Adventurers*, an initiative of the McCord Museum conducted in partnership with the Fur Trade at Lachine National Historic Site of Canada and the Supporting Montreal Schools Program of the ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport du Québec.

***Nomadic Adventurers* seeks to spur dialogue on the nomadic lifestyle among 3rd and 4th grade students from underprivileged and primarily multiethnic neighbourhoods.** The project, now in its third edition, offers activities that encourage young people to explore the traces behind left by those who have built and continue to build Quebec. The activities draw on the personal experience of children who are for the most part immigrants, inviting them to reflect on and draw parallels between their lives and the traditions of Aboriginal people as well as the lives led by trappers and fur traders of the past. The project also makes the McCord more accessible to members of the public who might otherwise not have a chance to visit.

***Nomadic Adventurers* is comprised of eight components spread over a number of months, including two visits to the McCord Museum, two visits to the Fur Trade at Lachine NHSC, and a classroom visit by a Museum interpreter. Each class that participates in the program is asked to produce a group creation—a "traveller's quilt"—and a travelogue that reflects their own nomadic experience.** The young participants have made their quilts with the invaluable help of the talented artists of the Westmount Quilters Guild.

The 2009-2010 edition of the project will be the subject of an exhibition of quilts at the McCord Museum from June 1 to 13, 2010. The exhibition is open to the public and is free of charge.

TAKE A TRIP VIA THE TRAVELOGUES OF THESE GREAT NOMADIC ADVENTURERS!

The McCord Museum, one of the most important museums in Canada, is dedicated to the preservation, study, diffusion and appreciation of Canadian history. It is home to one of the largest historical collections in North America, comprised of First Nations objects, costumes and textiles, photographs, decorative and visual artworks, and textual archives. The McCord Museum produces exhibitions and develops innovative educational activities and Internet projects in collaboration with local, national and international partners.

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