

PRESS RELEASE

SUMMER PROGRAMMING



Summer Programming with Something for Everyone at the McCord Museum This summer, discover the McCord Museum in the open air!

Montreal, July 9, 2019 – This summer, the McCord Museum is offering a wide range of outdoor programming, allowing you to enjoy Montreal and discover the city's social history in the sun. For the ninth year, the *Urban Forest*, on Victoria Street, will be welcoming neighbours and passers-by for a peaceful lunch, concerts by Indigenous artists, morning yoga sessions and a loads of other activities. The McCord Museum is also offering its historic walking tours in which Museum mediators will help you discover three of the city's iconic neighbourhoods. If you prefer self-guided tours, the *MTL Urban Museum* mobile app offers five free themed walks. Finally, McGill College Avenue is once again hosting an exhibition of photos from the Museum's collection, this year on the theme *Montreal at Work*.

Urban Forest **Until October 9**

The *Urban Forest* has been reinvented again on Victoria Street, which has become a pedestrian mall for the occasion. Until October 9, this sunny seasonal park is open to anyone wishing to enjoy a picnic lunch and a rich array of activities developed around the Museum's summer exhibitions, *Sding K'awXangs—Haida: Supernatural Stories* and *The Polaroid Project: At the Intersection of Art and Technology*. This year's *Urban Forest*, designed once again by Paula Meijerink of WANTED Landscape, is yellow and white. All *Urban Forest* activities are free.

Here's the program:

Morning Yoga **Tuesdays and Thursdays in July and August, 7:45–8:45 a.m.**

The Art of Living Foundation and YogaTribes get your day started with poses to facilitate concentration, relaxation, endurance and flexibility. Held in the magnificent setting of the *Urban Forest*, the morning yoga classes are open to all and give downtown passers-by a chance to start their day off gently. The activity is part of XP_MTL's programming.

Reservations: www.musee-mccord.qc.ca/en/activities/morning-yoga-with-the-art-of-living/

Unless otherwise indicated, yoga will be cancelled in case of rain.

Musique Nomade Concerts **Wednesdays in July and August, 12:30–1:30 p.m.**

The *Musique Nomade* concerts invite you to discover the musical worlds of Indigenous artists from many different backgrounds. Nine artists and groups promise a varied program, from pop to folk, by way of country and electro: Sacred Wolf Singers, Laura Niquay, Angela Amarualik, Scott-Pien Picard, Backwater Township, Esther Pennell, VILDÁ, Anachnid and Violent Ground. This musical programming is on top of the McCord's exceptionally rich offerings in terms of Indigenous cultures in this International Year of Indigenous Languages, including the exhibitions *Sding K'awXangs—Haida: Supernatural Stories* and Hannah Claus's *there's a reason for our connection*.

Unless otherwise indicated, the concerts will be cancelled in case of rain.

Further information:
musee-mccord.qc.ca/en/outdoor-activities/

Food Trucks

Wednesdays until October 9, noon–2 p.m.

At lunchtime every Wednesday, enjoy *Musique Nomade* concerts as a break from routine and have a bite to eat from a food truck.

Schedule subject to change, depending on the weather and food truck availability.

5@7 Pop-up

Wednesdays in July and August, 5–7 p.m.

Every Wednesday, the Museum and social innovation organization EXEKO offer get-togethers and discussions around the Museum's photography collection.

Dance Performance—Barbara Kanerattoni Diabo

Wednesday, September 11, 12:30–1:30 p.m.

As part of the Festival Quartiers Danses, in the midst of the *Urban Forest*, discover the new creation of Mohawk dancer and choreographer Barbara Kanerattoni Diabo.

Public Pianos Play Jean-Pierre Ferland

Thursday, August 22, 12:30–1 p.m.

To mark the 85th birthday of Quebec master singer-songwriter Jean-Pierre Ferland, "Le petit roi" will be played on public pianos in Montreal and various other parts of Quebec.

Wapikoni Mobile's Vélo Paradiso

Wednesday, August 28, 7:30–9 p.m.

Activate this projector bike to view an original selection of short films and video clips by Wapikoni Mobile and *Musique nomade*, selected by Indigenous guest curators. Marked by a desire to celebrate the diversity of contemporary Indigenous cultures and artistic expression, the screenings are followed by a discussion on the videos presented.

Outdoor screening. In case of inclement weather, the event will be postponed until Wednesday, September 4, at the same time.

Montreal at Work

A new outdoor exhibition on McGill College Avenue

Until October 14

The 14th open-air exhibition on McGill College Avenue presented by BMO Bank of Montreal in conjunction with Astral, will have passers-by stepping into the workplaces of Montrealers from 1900 to the 1940s. The photographs from the McCord Museum collection invite viewers to take a trip back in time to discover the places and atmosphere in which men and women plied their trades. This incursion into the working world takes viewers into the daily lives of Montrealers in the first half of the 20th century, as they toiled in factories, workshops, hospitals and offices. In addition to bringing the workforce of yesteryear to life, the photos recall the old-fashioned charm of the architecture, furniture, tools and clothing of the time.

This 24-part look at the workplaces of the past shows that although some of the occupations pictured still exist, working conditions have changed radically. From William Notman's famous photography studio to nurses at Hôtel-Dieu hospital, by the way of the busy workrooms at the Berliner Gramophone Company, these images show the concentration of Montreal's economic activity in the area now known as the Ville-Marie borough.

Historic Walking Tours

90-minute guided tours, Tuesdays and Saturdays, at 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m., until October 5

Back again this year, the popular historic walks are the way to discover three downtown iconic neighbourhoods accompanied by mediators from the Museum. *Ville-Marie: Montreal's Business District* explores one of the city's most vibrant and cosmopolitan areas, where churches stand alongside skyscrapers, shopping malls, cafés and major hotels, and nearly 500,000 people move through every day. *The Prestigious Golden Square Mile: Yesterday and Today* covers the neighbourhood that has been synonymous with luxury since the 19th century: its lavish architecture, influential residents and businesses. The Museum's MTL Urban Museum app provides additional information to round out your tour. In *Saving an Iconic Neighbourhood: Milton Park*, you'll learn the surprising history behind the fascinating neighbourhood that is now home to many students. Nearly demolished in the 1970s, the neighbourhood was saved by citizen-led protests. It features a unique collection of buildings designed as large family homes in the 19th century. The route also takes you through McGill University campus, the focal point of the area.

Reservations : musee-mccord.qc.ca/en/activities/historic-outdoor-tours/

MTL Urban Museum—Self-guided digital tours

Mobile app 

The *MTL Urban Museum* tours on the McCord Museum app, offered in collaboration with Ivanhoé Cambridge, provide a unique opportunity to revisit the city's history with historical walking tours using your smartphone. This year, there's a new tour—*McGill College: Where Change is Nothing New*. As construction gets underway, revisit McGill College Avenue to relive its transformations through the years. From heritage buildings to modern high-rises, from Place Ville Marie to McGill University, this new outdoor tour retraces the history of this iconic avenue in Montreal through photographs, engravings and paintings from the Museum's collection. There are four other tours, too: *Shopping in the 19th and 20th Centuries*, *Ivanhoé Cambridge: Downtown and Old Montreal*, *The Golden Square Mile* and *The Art of Magic*. You can download the app free of charge from the App Store.

About the McCord Museum

The McCord Museum is the museum of all Montrealers, a social history museum that celebrates life in Montreal, both past and present: its history, its people and its communities. Open to the city and the world, the Museum presents exciting exhibitions, educational programming and cultural activities that offer a contemporary perspective on history, engaging visitors from Montreal, Canada and beyond. It is home to over 1.5 million artefacts, comprising one of the largest historical collections in North America, organized into the following departments: Dress, Fashion and Textiles, Photography, Indigenous Cultures, Paintings, Prints and Drawings, Material Culture, and Textual Archives. McCord Museum: Our People, Our Stories.

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Possibility of interviews with Suzanne Sauvage, President and Chief Executive Officer of the McCord Museum, Hélène Samson, Curator, Photography, and Mélanie Deveault, Head, Education, Community Engagement and Cultural Programs.

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