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SEE HISTORY IN A NEW LIGHT THROUGH A WEALTH OF DIGITAL CONTENT AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC.

Montreal, March 30, 2020. The McCord and Stewart Museums are making a wide range of digital content accessible to the public. Recordings of lectures and round tables, videos and podcasts designed for informed audiences, as well as games and stories for children allow you to see history in a new light from the comfort of home.

THE McCORD MUSEUM FROM HOME

The McCord Museum From Home offers entertaining and informative quality online content that covers a variety of subjects with something for everyone: Montreal, Fashion, Photography, Indigenous Cultures, and Family.

The **Montreal** section is packed with content, much of it related to the exhibition *Griffintown – Evolving Montreal*. There are also podcasts and lectures from the *City Talks* series organized with Heritage Montreal (available in French only). The **Fashion** section offers numerous recordings of lectures and round tables, including an interview with Jean-Claude Poitras from the series *Fashion at the Museum* and conversations with designer Markantoine Lynch-Boisvert and stylist Cary Tauben (available in French only). You can also celebrate the approach of Tartan Day, April 6, by viewing a lecture on the fabric by Cynthia Cooper, Curator, Dress, Fashion and Textiles. Omnipresent in the world of fashion, tartan is also a symbol of Canadian identity.

The **Photography** section provides videos of encounters with artists, including renowned photographers Gabor Szilasi and Michel Campeau, as well as albums of archived photographs. Meanwhile, the **Indigenous Cultures** section allows visitors to see videos produced with multidisciplinary visual artists, such as Hannah Claus and Kent Monkman, and discover a wealth of information on this important Museum collection. Finally, the **Family** section offers exclusive content for children with entertaining creative workshops, arts and crafts and colouring activities.

The McCord Museum From Home:

musee-mccord.qc.ca/en/activities-menu/museum-from-home

ONLINE ACTIVITIES OFFERED BY THE STEWART MUSEUM

The Stewart Museum also provides a variety of content and activities designed for both adults and children related to the exhibition Nights. Experience four nocturnal worlds through original stories created for the exhibition by authors Simon Boulerice, Dominique Demers, Eric Dupont and Heather O'Neill, now available online in written and audio formats. In addition to these stories, the Museum offers a writing kit that allows visitors to experience the same creative process as the authors by drawing inspiration from the night and objects in the collection to write a fictional story. This creative activity will appeal to those who love writing and parents looking for school projects for their children aged 8 and over.

Other activities include recordings of the Nights Revealed series of readings and discussions as well as suggestions for books related to the exhibition theme that can be downloaded free of charge or ordered online. Finally, families looking for an art project can access a selection of artefacts to colour from the Museum's collection.

Activities and content related to the exhibition Nights:

musee-stewart.org/en/exhibitions/nights

Family activities:

musee-stewart.org/en/activities-menu/family-activities

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.

About the Stewart Museum

The Stewart Museum is a private, non-profit history museum that was founded in 1955 by philanthropist David M. Stewart. It has a unique collection of close to 27,000 artefacts, archival documents and rare books related to the European history of North America, from the establishment of New France up to the present day. The Museum's chief mission is to preserve and showcase these artefacts that bear witness to the voyages of exploration, scientific advances, feats of arms, beliefs and daily lives of our ancestors. The Museum, located in Parc Jean-Drapeau, is housed in the arsenal of the fort on St. Helen's Island, a 19th-century military building that is listed in the Répertoire du patrimoine culturel du Québec.

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