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# WINE AND FOOD AT THE MUSEUM: THIRD EDITION WILL FEATURE ARTIST KENT MONKMAN

**Montreal, January 22, 2014** – For the third consecutive year and building on the resounding success of its two previous editions, the McCord Museum is pleased to present Wine and Food at the Museum, a benefit event, on Thursday, January 30 at 6 p.m.

"We are delighted to see the increasing interest that Wine and Food at the Museum generates year after year," stated Nathalie Lévesque, Interim Executive Director of the McCord Museum Foundation. "This one-of-a-kind event enables us to raise funds that help us extend the Museum's reach and develop ambitious education and conservation programs. It also brings together close to 250 attendees who share a common interest in their history and cultural heritage."

The fundraising evening promises to once again offer a highly entertaining opportunity for wine enthusiasts to enrich their knowledge, sample exquisite wines, enjoy delicious hors d'oeuvres, and do a little networking while supporting a very worthwhile cause.

### Kent Monkman in the spotlight

The theme of this year's event is the latest and second exhibition of the McCord Museum Artist-in-Residence program, *Welcome to the Studio*, by Kent Monkman. Guests will have an opportunity to take an exclusive tour of the exhibition accompanied by this internationally-renowned contemporary artist of Cree ancestry, whose work will be presented to the public from January 30 to June 1, 2014.

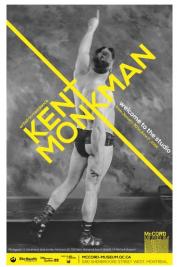
Throughout the evening, guests will be invited to move among tasting stations to sample a variety of exceptional wines. This year's event will showcase Canadian wines from vineyards in Ontario. Excellent wines will be presented by representatives from Stratus Vineyards, Tawse Winery, Coyote's Run Estate Winery, Flat Rock Cellars and Pillitteri Estates Winery.

To enhance the wine tasting experience, ESKA and Première Moisson will also offer products. Epicureans will thoroughly enjoy the wide variety of delicacies featured, from savoury appetizers from Restaurant Leméac and delicious hors d'œuvres and pasta from Julien-Leblanc Traiteur to sumptuous BIOBIO cheeses and GROK products. A tasty selection of sweet treats will also be offered, including mini cupcakes from Les Glaceurs.

Just as with last year's event, the 2014 edition of Wine and Food at the Museum will be co-chaired by Annie Lapointe, Vice-President, Investment & Corporate Banking at the Bank of Montreal, and Élaine Barsalou, Director, Global Investment Banking, Scotia Capital. Both are grateful for the invaluable help offered by a team of dynamic volunteers.



Wine and Food at the Museum



Kent Monkman – Welcome to the Studio Exhibition poster © McCord Museum

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Tickets may be purchased for \$200 each (tax receipt for \$150 issued) and are available online at mccord-museum.gc.ca/wine or by calling 514-398-7100, ext. 237.

#### **About 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 1,440,000 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.

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Photographs available on request. Interviews can be arranged with Nathalie Lévesque, Interim Executive Director, McCord Museum Foundation.

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