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MICHÈLE AUDETTE APPOINTED TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF McCORD STEWART MUSEUM

Montreal, July 5, 2016 – The board of directors of the McCord Stewart Museum is pleased to announce the appointment of Michèle Audette to the 26-member board, which is chaired by Monique Jérôme-Forget.

"We are very honoured to welcome Michèle Audette to the board," stated Monique Jérôme-Forget, chair of the board of directors of the McCord Stewart Museum. "A widely recognized and respected leader both in Canada and abroad, Ms. Audette has distinguished herself through her community work and is a tireless advocate for the rights of women, families and youth. She has also played an important role in helping strengthen relations between Quebecers, Canadians and First Peoples of Canada. This is of particular importance to us, given the special and long-standing ties that link the Museum to the Native peoples of Canada. In fact, the McCord Museum is home to Quebec's largest collection of First Peoples artefacts and one of the largest collections in the country."

The Liberal candidate in the 2015 federal elections in the Terrebonne riding and actively involved with First Nations, Ms. Audette was president of the Native Women's Association of Canada from 2012 to 2015 and president of Quebec Native Women from 1998 to 2004 and 2010 to 2012. She led the AMUN March in 2010 and was Quebec's Associate Deputy Minister for the Status of Women from 2004 to 2007. She is currently a resource person for the École nationale d'administration publique in Aboriginal community relations and administration.

Ms. Audette is the recipient of many awards and distinctions, including Woman of the Year from the Conseil des femmes de Montréal (2014), the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee medal (2012), Enbridge Famous 5 Ottawa (2004), and Femme de mérite de la YWCA Québec (2003).

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 1,451,000 million



Source: Michèle Audette

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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Interviews can be arranged with Monique Jérôme-Forget, Chair of the Board of Directors of the McCord Stewart Museum, Suzanne Sauvage, President and Chief Executive Officer of the McCord Stewart Museum, and Michèle Audette.

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