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## HISTORY AND THE PERFORMING ARTS MEET! McCord Museum Day Camp

**Montreal, February 13, 2014** – This summer will be one of the most creative ever at the McCord Museum. As the warm weather approaches, the McCord Museum is pleased to offer, during weekdays, two new day camp programs for children ages 5 to 12. This summer's bilingual programs will feature theatre and music and will focus on two themes: *Objects in the limelight!* and *The musical Museum*.

Taking part in the McCord Museum day camp means discovering history from a whole new angle! "The McCord Museum day camp takes a multidisciplinary approach to bringing history alive for children. Building on an arts-oriented theme helps children learn about our past in a way that's fun, so it simply made sense to design a program that puts the performing arts front and centre," explains Dominique Trudeau, Head, Education Programs. Each program will include daily trips outdoors, including to the Museum's Urban Forest on Victoria Street, which returns in 2014 for a fourth consecutive year, as well as a special activity every Wednesday. To close out the week, parents will be invited on Fridays at around 3 p.m. to attend their children's performances and view their day camp creations.

### ***Objects in the limelight!*: history as seen through our artefacts**

From a wooden sled to a phonograph to a teapot, each object has a story to tell! By exploring the Museum's permanent exhibition *Montreal – Points of View* and its seasonal *Ben's* exhibition, children will discover that each artefact is an actor with a role to play in recounting the life of Montrealers. The exhibitions will introduce them to a host of unique and passionate stories that will immerse them in the dynamism of the city's various districts. Much as in a theatre of objects, they'll have the chance to bring to life an artefact of their choosing and offer a fun-filled performance that they'll enjoy as much as their parents, who will be invited to attend the show at the end of the week.

**Weeks: June 30 to July 4 (closed July 1), July 14 to 18, July 28 to August 1, August 11 to 15**

### ***The musical Museum*: discovering the songs of Quebec**

As the song says, "you've got the music in you." Whether about love, peace or life-changing moments, songs tell stories and convey traditions. Through their explorations of the temporary exhibition *Music*, presented from May 30 to October 13, 2014, and the permanent exhibition *Wearing our Identity – The First Peoples Collection*, day camp participants will discover and interpret the rhythms, words and music that tell the stories of Montreal past and present. The program will offer them workshops to learn and sing traditional songs from the Quebec repertoire.

**Weeks: July 7 to 11, July 21 to 25, August 4 to 8, August 18 to 22**

### **About the Museum day camp**

The McCord Museum day camp is certified by the Association des camps certifiés du Québec. Day camp programs are offered to children ages 5 (who have completed kindergarten) to 12. Day camp groups are formed as follows: ages 5 to 8 and ages



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9 to 12. Daycare service is offered at no extra charge from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. and from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Please note that certain reductions are applied when a second child from the same family is enrolled or when the same child is enrolled for a second day camp week. A discount of almost 20% is also offered to McCord Museum members.

For more information about the McCord Museum's day camp program and rates or to reserve: 514-398-7100, ext. 222, or [reservation@mccord.mcgill.ca](mailto:reservation@mccord.mcgill.ca) Online: [mccord-museum.qc.ca/daycamp](http://mccord-museum.qc.ca/daycamp)

### **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 1.44 million 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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Photographs available on request. Interviews can be arranged with Dominique Trudeau, Head, Education Programs, and with Suzanne Sauvage, President and Chief Executive Officer of the McCord Museum.

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