

## SPRING BREAK AT THE McCORD AND STEWART MUSEUMS

Fun things are happening!

**Montreal, January 23, 2020** – It will soon be spring break, and at the McCord and Stewart museums our imaginations have been working overtime to come up with entertaining activities for all. Exhibitions, participatory and collaborative games, workshops, storytelling and screenings are all on the program, in addition to the well-known guided snowshoe tours of St. Helen's Island and family night at the Stewart.

All in all, it's a great opportunity to discover or rediscover these highlights of Montreal's cultural scene.

Admission to both the McCord and the Stewart museums is free for children 12 and under.

### SPRING BREAK AT THE McCORD

Open exceptionally on Monday, March 2.

Full program available at [musee-mccord.qc.ca](http://musee-mccord.qc.ca).



### LAST CHANCE!

***It's Your Move! Board Games: Larger Than Life*** ([Photos](#))([Vidéo](#))  
**Until March 8, 2020**

*It's Your Move!* takes you on a journey into the world of board games, and along the way you have various missions to fulfill. Games of chance, strategy games and challenge games are the focus of the exhibition, which features some 180 toys and games.

Courtesy of Télé-Québec, in collaboration with Randolph.

Recommended for adults with children ages 3 to 12.



### ACTIVITIES

**IT'S YOUR WORLD**  
**Atrium of the McCord Museum**  
**Daily, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

As part of the exhibition *It's Your Move!*, children are invited to take part in a creative workshop and think up their own imaginary worlds!

Recommended for adults with children ages 3 to 12.



### STORY HOUR

**Daily, from February 29 to March 8, at 10:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. (in French) and at 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 4 p.m. (in English)**

Enter the wonderful world of storytelling in the setting of the exhibition *It's Your Move!* and take the opportunity to discover the colourful board games on display! Parents and children will share a moment of magic as they listen to the stories enlivened with sound effects, singing and mime.

Recommended for adults with children ages 2 to 9.

## THE ADVENTURE AT THE MUSEUM – Courtesy of Hydro-Québec [\(Vidéo\)](#) **Continuous**

Children who take part in The Adventure at the Museum will get a free backpack (quantities limited) full of things to help them discover fascinating objects during their adventure. The Adventure at the Museum is a fun, educational activity that lets families visit the Museum as they seek wonderful treasures on display in the rooms.

Recommended for adults with children ages 3 to 9.



## MY FIRST FANTASIA AT THE McCORD MUSEUM

With the collaboration of the **Fantasia International Film Festival**  
**from Sunday, March 1, to Sunday, March 8, at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.**

J. Armand Bombardier Theatre

Running time: 70 minutes

The McCord Museum and Fantasia have worked together on this project to present a series of captivating animated shorts for the whole family.

**PROGRAM 1** – Sunday, March 1 – To the Beat of Imagination

**PROGRAM 2** -- Monday, March 2, Wednesday, March 4 – A Touch of Genius

**PROGRAM 3** – Tuesday, March 3 – Head in the Clouds

**PROGRAM 4** -- Thursday, March 5, Saturday, March 7 – At the Heart of the Forest

**PROGRAM 5** - Friday, March 5, Sunday, March 8 – Around the World

Free admission. Limited seats.

Recommended for adults with children ages 3 and over.



## SPRING BREAK AT THE STEWART MUSEUM

Open exceptionally on Monday and Tuesday, March 2 and 3.

Admission for families is **just \$10** from February 29 to March 8, 2020.

Full program available at [www.musee-stewart.org](http://www.musee-stewart.org)



## MAIN EXHIBITION

### **NIGHTS** [\(Photos\)](#) [\(Video\)](#)

Inspired by original stories by well-known Quebec authors.

Experience a moment of magic as a family by visiting the Nights exhibition . Guide booklet in hand, standing at a listening station or using a smartphone and a headset, you can explore the nocturnal worlds inspired by the original stories of four celebrated Quebec writers. Explore the celestial night with Éric Dupont, face your fear of the dark with Dominique Demers's imaginary night, stride through the urban night with Heather O'Neill and slip into the intimate night with Simon Boulerice.

Their stories are brought to life in theatrical sets created by Pierre-Étienne Locas, alongside a variety of remarkable artefacts from the collections of the Stewart and McCord museums.

Recommended for adults with children ages 3 and up.

## ACTIVITIES

### **THE WORLD OF TOYS** [\(Photos\)](#)

**Weekdays, March 2 to 6, at 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. (in French) and at 12:30 p.m. (in English)**

At the Nights exhibition, you'll have an opportunity to explore the imaginary night of children's author Dominique Demers as part of a guided tour designed specially for families. In a child's bedroom, stuffed animals, tin soldiers and all kinds of other toys join forces to help young Louis-Philippe overcome his fear of the dark.

Recommended for adults with children ages 5 to 12.



## **STORY HOUR** ([Photos](#))

**Weekdays, from March 2 to 6, at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. (in French) and at 1 p.m. (in English)**

Bring your whole family to listen to stories from children's books written by well-known author Dominique Demers. Hosted by a Museum guide, Story Hour will feature a variety of tales, including *Lustucru, le loup qui pue!* You won't be able to keep a straight face!

Recommended for adults with children ages 3 to 8.



## **THE STORY FACTORY** ([Photos](#))

**Daily, self-serve**

Budding historians can take part in the fun-filled participatory activities of The Story Factory. Three challenges are set that involve writing, questioning and reinventing history. For instance, if you love doing things yourself and prototyping, you can let your creativity go wild as you imagine and build the ideal means of transportation of the future and display it at the Museum afterwards.

Recommended for adults with children ages 5 and up.



## **DISCOVER ST. HELEN'S ISLAND ON SNOWSHOES** ([Photos](#))

**Sunday, March 1 and 8, at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. (in French) and at 1 p.m. (in English)**

Come and enjoy the fresh air by taking part in Discover St. Helen's Island on Snowshoes. Led by a Museum guide, this snowshoe hike gives families an opportunity to explore the trails on Mont Boullé and discover the island's rich past. After your snowshoeing, come inside to warm up and get involved in an activity at The Story Factory. You'll learn about the origin of snowshoes and build an unusual means of transport using recyclable materials.

Special rates, but limited spots for the snowshoeing. Recommended for adults with children over 7. Tickets available online from February 3.

\*The snowshoe tour may be done on foot or may have to be cancelled if the weather doesn't cooperate.



## **FAMILY NIGHT AT THE STEWART MUSEUM**

**Tuesday, March 3, from 5 to 9 p.m.**

Meet up at the Stewart for an unusual family evening! This night at the Museum focuses on culture and the outdoors. As part of a guided tour designed specially for families, explore the Nights exhibition and have fun trying out the different Story Factory challenges. Outdoor lovers can join in a nighttime snowshoe hike along the historic trails of St. Helen's Island.\* With a flashlight and a guide, you'll have an opportunity to discover the remaining traces of the island's history. Snowshoes are supplied by the Museum. To help visitors keep their strength up for the entire evening, the Museum will be providing delicious hot chocolate.

Special rates, but limited spots for the snowshoeing. Recommended for adults with children over 7. Tickets available online from February 3.

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**PHANTOMS OF THE ISLAND – COLLABORATIVE GAME** ([Photos](#)) ([Vidéo](#))  
**Saturday, February 29 and March 7, and Thursday and Friday, March 5 and 6, at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. (in French) and at 1 p.m. (in English)**

With family or friends, come try an event that requires resourcefulness, curiosity and team spirit, as you seek to outwit the ghosts of the new collaborative game Phantoms of the Island, designed by the Stewart Museum and developed in partnership with Randolph. Shut away in a room haunted by strange phenomena, contestants have to find clues and solve historical puzzles to free the phantom of the island and restore order. Historical background information is provided at the start of the activity.

Four to 10 people can play at once, and the game takes from 45 minutes to an hour.

Difficulty level : ■□□□ Scariness factor: ■□□□

To check prices and book spots, [click here](#).

Recommended for adults with children over 8.

Interviews may be arranged with Suzanne Sauvage, President and Chief Executive Officer of the McCord Museum and the Stewart Museum, and with Mélanie Deveault, Head, Education, Community Engagement and Cultural Programs.

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