



Press release

## McCord Museum 100 Years Young



# Summer 2022 programming: A vibrant finale to the McCord Museum's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations

**Montreal, May 25, 2022** – The crowning touch to the McCord Museum's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations, its summer 2022 programming features a myriad of activities that will appeal not only to history lovers, but to those who are passionate about Indigenous cultures, photography or urban farming. Summer 2022 will see the much-anticipated resumption of events in the [Urban Forest](#), which will once again be decked out in colourful new ribbons. In June, the Museum will highlight [National Indigenous History Month and National Indigenous Peoples Day](#), notably with performances by [Tupiq A.C.T.](#) (Arctic Circus Troupe). Two new exhibitions will also open this summer: [Eating Local](#), on McGill College Avenue, and [Alexander Henderson – Art and Nature](#) at the Museum.

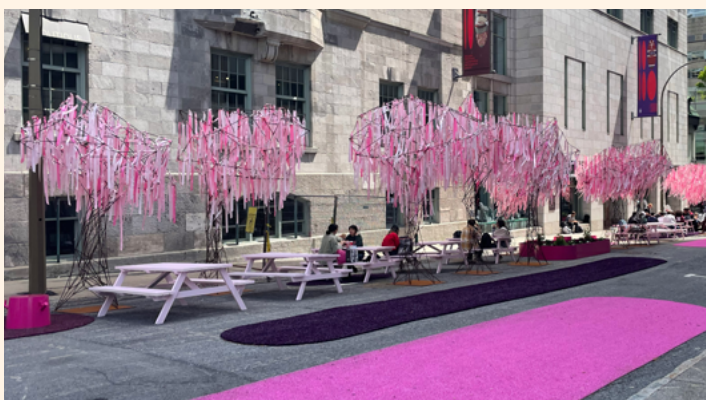
## THE URBAN FOREST: A RELAXING OUTDOOR OASIS

On pedestrian-only Victoria Street from May 22 to October 9, the [Urban Forest](#) will offer passersby a unique wellness space in the heart of downtown. With its street furniture and warm colours, this urban park is a veritable oasis of relaxation for visitors wanting to make the most of summer.

Thanks to the valuable support of the Indigenous Health Centre of Tiohtià:ke, the McCord Museum is dedicating the space along President Kennedy Avenue to Quebec native plants and is inviting Indigenous peoples to take an active role in their cultivation. In addition to enhancing our urban environment, the plants in this garden will showcase expertise and principles developed by First Nations, Métis and Inuit peoples, in addition to enhancing our urban environment.

Workers from the area can also enjoy the Urban Forest while doing their jobs. Created by Aire commune as part of the Îlots d'été network, a summer "green desking" initiative, there is a welcoming outdoor coworking space, equipped with a good internet connection, electrical outlets and lighting.

*The 2022 edition of the Urban Forest is being produced with the support of the Ville-Marie borough, and Montréal centre-ville.*



## Urban Forest to host a number of free activities throughout the summer

### Musical Wednesdays

Every Wednesday this summer, the Urban Forest will present free public concerts by artists from various musical backgrounds illustrating Montreal's rich, diverse culture. From June 29 to August 31, 12:15 to 1:00 pm, the Urban Forest will come alive to the sounds of artists like Moe Clark, Lasso, and Monsieur Raph.

See the [full list of artists here](#).

*The Wednesday noontime concerts are a co-production of the McCord Museum, Pasa Musik, Studio 303 and Diversité Artistique Montréal.*

### The scoop on urban farming: Tricks and tips for growing vegetables in the city

Why do cities need pollinating insects? How can we avoid wasting our produce? Is it possible to grow vegetables on a balcony? Every Thursday at noon, the team from the Société pour l'action, l'éducation et la sensibilisation environnementale de Montréal will be in the Urban Forest to talk about urban farming.

Thursdays, June 16 to August 11, 2022, 11:30 to 2:30

See the [list of discussion themes](#).



Lasso



Gabriel Dharmoo © Jonathan Goulet

## Sunday Workshops

### Looking after my city - July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

How can we take care of Montreal? Families are invited to reflect on this question as they take part in the free workshop Looking after my city. Taking inspiration from snapshots of Montreal taken between 1865 and 1900 by renowned photographer William Notman, participants will have fun using magnetic images to create their own pictures of Montreal.

Duration: 30 to 40 minutes, presented in French and English.

Recommended for children ages 4 to 12 accompanied by a parent.

### Looking after our history in Montreal/Tiohtià:ke - August 7, 14, 21, 28

Presented in co-operation with the organization Je suis Montréal / I am Montreal, this citizen co-creation workshop will give participants a chance to hear often untold stories from the Chinese, Black and First Nations communities. Using 19th- and 20th-century pictures of Montreal from the McCord Museum's Photography collection, participants will be invited to reflect on the presence or absence of objects and individuals contributing to their well-being in Montreal. This reflection will be facilitated by a bank of magnetic images—which participants themselves will add to over the course of the sessions—that can be juxtaposed with the views of the city. Participants will take turns sharing their vision of a welcoming Montreal while discovering and taking inspiration from those presented by others.

Presented in French and English, the activity is recommended for people of all ages.

*This project is funded by the Ministère de l'Immigration, de la Francisation et de l'Intégration and the City of Montreal («Montreal Intercultural» program).*

# OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES FOR EXPLORING THE HISTORY OF MONTREAL AND ITS ICONIC NEIGHBOURHOODS

## Exhibition *Eating Local* – McGill College Avenue **FREE**

From June 17 to October 16, 2022, the Museum's annual outdoor photography exhibition returns to McGill College Avenue between De Maisonneuve Boulevard and President Kennedy Avenue. Featuring 25 large-format images taken from the McCord Museum's Photography collection, the exhibition *Eating Local* invites viewers to explore urban food practices from the 1860s to the 2000s in photographs of vegetable gardens, community gardens and public markets taken primarily in Montreal and the surrounding area.

Given that today's urbanites are increasingly concerned with the provenance of their food, it is timely to recall that, in the past, city dwellers regularly enjoyed access to local produce.

This year's exhibition is enhanced by audio content accessible through the McCord Museum app.

*Produced by the McCord Museum, the exhibition *Eating Local* is presented by BMO Bank of Montreal, in collaboration with Astral, with the support of XP\_MTL and the Ville-Marie borough.*

## The Golden Square Mile Beyond Its Façades – New historic walking tour **FEE-BASED ACTIVITY**

Every Saturday this summer from July 2 to September 3, the Museum invites history lovers to embark on its brand-new historic walking tour through the heart of one of downtown Montreal's most iconic neighbourhoods: [the Golden Square Mile](#).

Learn about the heritage homes once lived in by the city's elite and hear stories about the neighbourhood's leading figures and lesser-known residents—the owners and servants who lived and worked there. In addition, find out more about the connection between Indigenous peoples and this site on the slopes of Mount Royal. There is no better way to learn how the area evolved into the hub for arts, culture, education and business that it is today.

This 90-minute outdoor guided tour was developed with the collaboration of McGill University's School of Continuing Studies, its Department of History and Classical Studies, and its Montreal History Group.

### Prices:

Historic tours: Adults (18+): \$25 | Seniors (65+): \$23 | Teens (ages 13 to 17): \$13 | Museum Members: \$9.50

Historic tour + Museum access: Adults (18+): \$35 | Seniors (65+): \$31.50 | Teens (ages 13 to 17): \$13  
Museum Members: \$9.50



Ewa Monika Zebrowski, from the series *A Celebration of Place – Châteaufort Community Garden, Montreal*, 1999. Gift of Ewa Monika Zebrowski, M2020.30.1, McCord Museum



Historical tours  
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## Urban Tours – Griffintown, Old Montreal and Downtown FREE

For those who enjoy [self-guided tours](#), the McCord Museum app offers seven thematic outdoor tours. These self-guided walking tours, lasting anywhere from 45 minutes to 2 hours, are a fun way to learn more about the history of specific Montreal sites. As users explore various areas of the city, the app displays historical images from the Museum's Photography collection illustrating how 150 landmarks looked in another era.

Available tours:

- Griffintown – Evolving Montreal
- McGill College: Where Change is Nothing New
- Shopping in the 19th and 20th Centuries
- Ivanhoé Cambridge: Downtown and Old Montreal
- The Art of Magic
- Golden Square Mile
- Eating Local (new)

The McCord Museum app can be downloaded free of charge from the App Store and is also available as a WebApp.

*Urban Tours are presented in collaboration with Ivanhoé Cambridge.*

## NATIONAL INDIGENOUS HISTORY MONTH AND NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY

As part of [National Indigenous History Month and National Indigenous Peoples Day](#), the McCord Museum is presenting a series of activities to celebrate the creativity and traditions of Indigenous peoples.

### Sky Hopinka: In Dreams and Autumn FREE

June 2-5, 2022 – At the Museum

The Contemporary Native Art Biennial (BACA) presents In Dreams and Autumn, a video work by artist Sky Hopinka. Transcendent meditations on language, landscape, and myth, the ethnopoetic works of Sky Hopinka explore the traditions of ethnographic filmmaking and reclaim the form as a vehicle for ecstatic personal expression.

### Meet with Maya Cousineau Mollen to discuss *Bréviaire du matricule 082* FREE

June 8 – At the Museum

The Museum and Éditions Hannenorak invite you to immerse yourself in Indigenous literature! This meeting—part of the New Chapter series hosted by Samuel Rainville—will take you into the literary world of Maya Cousineau Mollen.

*Activity presented as part of the Je lis autochtone program.*

### Planting and cultivating traditional Indigenous plants - Transmission of knowledge ceremonies FREE

Tuesday, June 14, 2022, 3:00 to 6:00 pm – In the Urban Forest

A garden is a true meeting space for Indigenous and non-Indigenous people. During this period of the full moon, the public is invited to apply lessons about gardening presented by Indigenous teachers.

## TUPIQ A.C.T. – June 19 – At the Museum TICKETED SHOW

On June 19, Tupiq A.C.T. (Arctic Circus Troupe) will present three performances of *Tupituqaaq*. Combining circus arts, throat singing, and drum dancing, this show recounts the journey of Maina, a young Inuk, who goes on the land searching for her grandmother. Tupiq A.C.T. was founded in 2018 by graduates of Cirqiniq, a social circus program that has worked with at-risk Inuit youth since 2009.

### Prices:

Adults: \$12 (show) or \$22 (show and exhibitions) | Children and Museum Members: \$8 (show and exhibitions)  
Indigenous peoples: free (show and exhibition)

## National Indigenous Peoples Day – Tuesday, June 21 – At the Museum FREE

Free admission to the exhibitions *Piqutiapiit*, by artist in residence Niap, and *Indigenous Voices of Today: Knowledge, Trauma, Resilience*. Guided tours of the latter exhibition will be offered at various times throughout the day (reservations on site). The documentary *Inuk en colère* [Angry Inuk] will be screened at noon, followed by a Q and A session with director Alethea Arnaquq-Baril. Activity in French.

## EXHIBITIONS IN THE GALLERIES

### Alexander Henderson – Art and Nature – June 10, 2022, to April 16, 2023

The McCord Museum is presenting the first major exhibition devoted to photographer Alexander Henderson (1831-1913). Captivated by the majesty of Canada's wilderness, Henderson would become one of the country's leading landscape photographers.

Marvel at images of vast natural spaces and fascinating urban scenes taken over the course of the photographer's career, from his first forays into Montreal's surrounding countryside and the furthest reaches of Quebec, notably the Outaouais, Gaspé Peninsula, North Shore and majestic Saguenay fjord, to his travels to Western Canada. Born in Scotland, Alexander Henderson arrived in Montreal in 1855. Though he worked in the same milieu as fellow photographers Notman and Livernois, the romanticism and aesthetic power of his work set him apart.

**Virtual opening: June 9, noon to 1:00 pm**

*This project was made possible in part through Library and Archives Canada's Documentary Heritage Communities Program..*

### JJ Levine: Queer Photographs – Until September 18, 2022

*JJ Levine: Queer Photographs* invites visitors to discover the work of Montreal photographer JJ Levine via a selection of portraits drawn from the series *Queer Portraits*, *Alone Time* and *Switch*. In staged photographs of queer subjects in intimate, domestic settings, Levine questions the representation of traditional binary gender roles.

*The exhibition is presented by TD Bank Group.*



Alexander Henderson, *The Saint Lawrence in Spring, opposite Montreal*, 1875.  
MP-0000.299.2, McCord Museum



JJ Levine, *Miwa* 2021



### **Piqutiapiit: Exhibition by Niap – Until August 21, 2022**

In the exhibition *Piqutiapiit*, Niap presents a piece that pays tribute to the work of Inuit women of the past. She acknowledges and celebrates Inuit women's expertise and artistic talent by revealing the finesse, refinement and femininity of the traditional objects she selected from the McCord Museum's collections to be part of the exhibition.

*This exhibition is presented as part of the Indigenous Artist in Residence program, in collaboration with the Conseil des arts de Montréal.*

### **Indigenous Voices of Today: Knowledge, Trauma, Resilience – Permanent Exhibition**

The exhibition bears witness to the still unrecognized knowledge of Indigenous peoples as well as the deep wounds they carry and their incredible resilience. Visitors will discover almost 100 objects accompanied by numerous testimonials, enabling them to learn more about the life experiences of members of the 11 Indigenous nations of Quebec.

*This exhibition, presented by CBC/Radio-Canada, was produced thanks to funding from the Aide aux projets pour le soutien des expositions permanentes program of the Québec Cultural Heritage Fund of the Ministère de la Culture et des Communications du Québec.*



## OPENING HOURS AND FEES

Mondays (starting June 26), Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, 10 am to 6 pm | Wednesdays, 10 am to 9 pm  
Saturdays and Sundays, 10 am to 5 pm

Adults: \$19 | Seniors: \$17 | Students (ages 18 to 30): \$14 | 17 and under: free | Indigenous people: free

Wednesday evenings: free (*Piquitiapiit* and permanent exhibition) or \$9.50 (*JJ Levine: Queer Photographs* and *Alexander Henderson: Art and Nature*)

First Sunday of the month: free for Quebec residents

To ensure an optimal visitor experience for all, you must reserve online tickets for Museum visits and activities, both free and fee-based. Visit the [Admission Desk page](#) on the Museum's Website.

*The McCord Museum sincerely thanks BMO Financial Group for free admission on Wednesday evenings, the Fondation J. A. DeSève for free admission for children 12 and under, and the Rossy Foundation for free admission for teens ages 13 to 17 for 2022.*

## COVID-19: MEASURES FOR A SAFE VISIT

The Museum observes the health measures recommended by the Quebec government. To find out what measures are in effect at the time of your visit, visit the [Museum Website](#).

## ABOUT THE McCORD MUSEUM

The McCord Museum celebrates life in Montreal, its people and communities, past and present. Reaching beyond the city to the wider world, the Museum creates and presents engaging exhibitions, educational programming and cultural activities with a critical and inclusive take on social history. Its collections of Archives, Documentary Art, Dress, Fashion and Textiles, Indigenous Cultures, Material Culture and Photography comprise 200,000 objects and works of art, 2.15 million photographs, 3,500 rare books and 340 linear metres of textual archives. Founded on October 13, 1921, the Museum is celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary with special programming until fall 2022. McCord Museum: Our People, Our Stories.

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