

Press release



Retirement of Suzanne Sauvage, President and Chief Executive Officer of the McCord Stewart Museum



Montreal, July 19, 2022 – After more than 12 years at the helm of the McCord Stewart Museum, Suzanne Sauvage, President and Chief Executive Officer, has indicated her intention to retire in the coming months. Ms. Sauvage will remain in her role until November 2022, allowing the board of directors to recruit a candidate to take over leadership of the Museum.

“I believe it is time for me to bow out, after more than 12 years at the head of the Museum. It was an emotional decision. I am deeply attached to the Museum and to the team I’ve had the pleasure of working with over the years. My departure comes at a time when the Museum has successfully weathered the pandemic and is undertaking an exciting new strategic plan that will drive the institution forward and preserve its reputation for excellence. I am confident that with the team that’s in place, the Museum will continue its momentum and be more successful than ever in the years to come,” said Suzanne Sauvage.

Suzanne Sauvage has been President and CEO of the McCord Museum since March 2010. Under her leadership, the Museum saw significant development, in both its programming and its collections, attracting a diverse, younger and ever-growing audience.

“We were saddened to learn of Suzanne Sauvage’s decision to retire. Since her arrival at the head of the Museum in 2010, she has transformed the McCord Stewart Museum from one of Montreal’s best-kept secrets to one of Quebec’s most important and dynamic museums. We would like to thank her sincerely for her invaluable contribution to the institution and for her excellent management of the Museum. Suzanne will continue to lead the Museum over the coming months, until we appoint a new head,” said Ghislain Picard, Chair of the Board of the McCord Stewart Museum.

The selection process will begin in the next weeks.

SUZANNE SAUVAGE

As a high-level manager, Suzanne Sauvage led major communications companies in Canada and abroad before taking the helm of the McCord Museum in 2010. Under her direction, the Museum has merged with two other museums and has become a key player in Montreal’s cultural life.

Before joining the McCord Museum, Ms. Sauvage held a number of executive positions with the Cossette Communication Group, including that of President of Cossette Canada. She also worked as Vice-President and General Manager of Burson-Marsteller, a communications and public relations agency in Montreal, and as Executive Vice-President Europe and General Manager for Burson-Marsteller in Paris, France, for more than 10 years.

In June 2022, she was appointed to the Order of Canada. She also received the National Order of Quebec in May 2021.

She is very involved in the cultural scene and sits on several boards of directors, including for Concordia University, the Festival Montréal en Lumière, and the Théâtre de Quat’Sous.

ABOUT THE McCORD MUSEUM

The McCord Museum celebrates life in Montreal, its people and communities, past and present. 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 McCord Museum is celebrating its 100th anniversary with special programming until fall 2022. McCord Museum: Our People, Our Stories.

ABOUT THE McCORD STEWART MUSEUM

Created in 2013 following the merger of the McCord Museum and the Stewart Museum, and enriched by their merger with the Fashion Museum in 2017, the McCord Stewart Museum is in charge of managing and preserving its rich historical collection. 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.

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