

## Press Release

# McCord Museum changing its name to McCord Stewart Museum



**Montreal, June 14, 2022.** – Following the permanent closure of the Stewart Museum in February 2021 and the subsequent integration of its collection into that of the McCord Museum, the latter will now be called the “**McCord Stewart Museum.**” The change will come into effect on August 31, 2022, when the McCord Museum’s logo will be updated to incorporate the Stewart name. The Museum’s mission will remain unchanged.

This decision from the Museum’s Board of Trustees recognizes the contributions of David M. Stewart, founder of the Stewart Museum in 1955, and Liliane M. Stewart, who was the president of its board for nearly 30 years.

In 2013, the merger of the McCord and Stewart museums resulted in the creation of the “McCord Stewart Museum,” whose mission was to manage and preserve the rich historical collections of the McCord Museum and the Stewart Museum.

The Stewart collection is comprised of approximately 27,000 artefacts, archival documents and rare books related to the European presence in New France and North America. Scientific instruments, globes, cards, firearms, objects of everyday life in the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> centuries, and a library of some 1,000 rare books printed before the 19<sup>th</sup> century represent a precious source of information on the history of Montreal, Quebec and Canada. After the Stewart Museum closed permanently, its collection was absorbed by that of the McCord Museum.

The physical merging of the McCord and Stewart collections has exacerbated space issues that significantly affect the Museum’s potential for growth and development. The exhibition galleries, storage areas, conservation facilities and learning spaces have in fact reached a critical saturation point. It is now more important than ever to realize the project to build the city a new, world-class museum of social history, open to all.

### **ABOUT THE McCORD MUSEUM**

The McCord Museum celebrates life in Montreal, its people and its 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 100<sup>th</sup> 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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