



# YOU ARE AT THE HEART OF OUR STORIES



## Increase the impact of your commitment to the McCord Stewart Museum with a planned gift

Open to everyone, planned giving can easily be worked into your financial and estate planning without compromising your usual quality of life or that of your loved ones.

Many people choose to give during their lifetime because they wish to support the Museum's ongoing activities, but this does not prevent them

from also making a lasting bequest when planning their estate. In this way, they are able to fulfill their wishes while maximizing the benefits of their donation for themselves, their family and the Museum, through its Foundation.

We recommend that you consult a financial or legal advisor to help you select the most tax-efficient type of planned gift.

Photo: *Disraeli revisited* exhibition © Elias Touil, 2022



## Choose a type of planned gift

- Specific, residual or universal bequest in a will
- Donation of listed securities
- Donation of a life insurance policy
- Donation of real estate
- RRSP or RRIF donation
- Endowment fund creating your own small charitable foundation within the structure of an organization or financial institution

Photo: Roger Aziz © McCord Stewart Museum, 2025

## Your planned gift makes a lasting difference

Like everyone whose deep passion for social history has made it possible to expand, preserve and enhance the McCord Stewart Museum's exceptional heritage, you too can contribute to its longevity by making a planned gift to its Foundation.

You can perpetuate your values while leaving a lasting, tangible mark that benefits the whole community. Through this generous gesture, you can put a portion of your assets to good use by supporting an institution that is close to your heart and helping

it pursue its mission. At the same time, you will help build a promising future for generations to come, while ensuring that the stories of yesterday and today play an essential role in their quality of life.

Photo: Antonia Mappin-Kasirer in the McCord Stewart Museum conservation laboratory. Sara Serba © McCord Stewart Museum, 2023



## Five good reasons to make a planned gift:

- You support access to and dissemination of the Museum's collections, boasting 3.2 million images, objects, documents and works of art
- You help us present stimulating exhibitions and host artists in residence
- You participate in spreading the social history of Montreal, Quebec and Canada through cultural and educational programming that's relevant, unifying and enriching for everyone
- You support the Museum's experienced conservation and restoration teams in their research and conservation activities
- You help the Archives and Documentation Centre remain an essential reference for Canadian and international researchers

Photo: Louis Lalancette in the Archives and Documentation Centre. Roger Aziz © McCord Stewart Museum, 2023



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## A commitment that stands the test of time

"History has always been a great passion of mine. During my undergraduate studies at McGill in the 1980s, I channelled this enthusiasm by volunteering at the McCord Stewart Museum Archives. As I established my professional career, I became a regular visitor, a member, as well as a donor to the Museum.

Several years ago, I realized that I could increase my impact by donating annually to the Museum's archival digitization project. I'm proud to contribute to the development of

the Archives and Documentation Centre's online resources.

Because I'd like to sustain this project after I am gone, I've included a charitable bequest to the McCord Stewart Museum in my will. I take pleasure in knowing that this gift will also recognize all that the Museum has meant to me over the years."

Mark Gallop



## Your support is appreciated... and recognized

When you make a planned gift to the McCord Stewart Museum Foundation, you'll receive immediate recognition for your generosity.

Regardless of its value or nature, you become a member of the **Heritage Circle** and are entitled to the following benefits:

- Mention of your name in the Foundation's communications (annual report, website, etc.)
- Annual invitation to the Recognition Cocktail
- Invitation to exhibition openings

Of course, if you prefer for your planned gift to remain anonymous, your wishes will be respected.

Photo: Recognition Cocktail  
© Charles Mackay, 2023



## About the McCord Stewart Museum

A fixture in the heart of the city for over 100 years, the McCord Stewart Museum celebrates life in Montreal, past and present. Its collections bear witness to the history, vitality, creativity and diversity of the communities that make up the city and shed light on the social history of Quebec and Canada.

In keeping with its commitment to decolonization and sustainable development, the Museum's team creates exhibitions and educational, cultural and community-engagement

activities that look at social history and contemporary issues through a critical and inclusive lens.

As the custodian of a remarkable heritage of 3.2 million images, objects, documents and works of art, the McCord Stewart Museum is recognized as one of North America's leading social history museums.

Photo: Camille Deshaies-Forget cataloging the collections.  
Roger Aziz © McCord Stewart Museum, 2023



## About its Foundation

The McCord Stewart Museum Foundation is a charitable organization dedicated exclusively to supporting the McCord Stewart Museum, its activities, and its mission of conservation, acquisition, documentation and dissemination.

As a separate entity with its own Board of Trustees, the Foundation was established in 2012 to manage the endowment fund, develop private financing and organize inspiring fundraising initiatives.

Thanks to generous donations from individuals, private foundations and companies, the organization is able to cover around a third of the Museum's annual budget.

## Learn more...

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