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FREE HOLIDAY SEASON EXHIBITION

Santas Are Taking Over the Stewart Museum

Destination Île Sainte-Hélène for a magical afternoon at the Stewart Museum!

Montréal, November 8, 2013 - Ho! Ho! Ho! A swarm of happy Santa Claus arrives at the Stewart Museum. From November 16, 2013 to January 5, 2014, meet these pleasant figurines and take part in exciting activities for the whole family. That's not all: **free access** to the Museum throughout the entire duration of the exhibition!

Most Santas were handmade by American artists such as Beth Cameron, Lynn West and Lynn Haney and have earned their creator several prestigious awards. They illustrate a unique aspect of doll making and reveal an evolution in the artistic representation of one of the most famous and beloved folk characters.

Activities for children who have been good

To immerse yourself in the holiday atmosphere the Stewart Museum has created a special program of three activities that recall the good times spent at home with family.

Children are invited to participate in an **observation game** in which the Santa Claus figurines are the stars. At the end of this mission, our clever little ones will find the mystery word related to the Holiday Season.

Santa Claus is not the only one who can offer gifts! During the visit of *Santas Are Taking Over the Stewart Museum* exhibition, your children or grandchildren and you can craft a **gift bag** in the form of Rudolph, the red-nosed reindeer who accompanies Santa on his great trip around the world.



Finally, children who have been good can watch a series of Christmas **short films** from the National Film Board of Canada on a big screen. Hot chocolate and cookies included!

The Stewart Museum is open from Wednesday to Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and exceptionally December 30 and 31. Closed December 25 and January 1.

About the Stewart Museum

The Stewart Museum, a private, non-profit history museum, was founded in 1955 by philanthropist David M. Stewart. The institution holds a unique collection of nearly 27,000 artifacts, archival documents and rare books that show the European presence in New France and North America up to the present. The Museum's main mission: to conserve and exhibit these objects, which relate to the voyages, scientific advances, feats of arms, beliefs and daily life of our ancestors. This Montréal organization is located in the arsenal of the British fortified depot on *Île Sainte-Hélène*, a 19th century military construction registered in the *Répertoire du patrimoine culturel du Québec*.

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