

This summer at Château Ramezay: New activities and must-see classics!

June 25, 2013 – The summer is here! **Château Ramezay** – **Historic Site and Museum of Montréal** has a few surprises in store for you and a full program of historic activities that are sure to please. Here are the details of our new activities and classics.

New

Work and no play? Come to the Château!

Take an evening off before your summer vacation. From June 25 to August 27, exceptionally, Château Ramezay **will open its doors every Tuesday until 8 p.m**. Are you a Montrealer? From 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., with proof of identity and address, take advantage of the **"My Château, this Summer: 2 for 1 on Tuesday evenings"** promotion. Invite a friend to come discover the history of Montréal; take a colleague on a little escapade through our colourful temporary exhibition; or embrace the love of your life at the fountain in Governor's

Garden. Then cap off the evening at one of Old Montréal's renowned restaurants or quaint terraces.



A castle linked to a wireless island

Would you like to share the photo you just took in the garden with one of our guides in costume? You can! In partnership with *Île sans fil*, Château Ramezay now offers free access to the Internet anywhere on our site. Just click on "Like."!



Heart and Soul: Quebec Folk Art

Château Ramezay is currently featuring the exhibition *Heart and Soul: Quebec Folk Art*. Produced by the Canadian Museum of Civilization, this entertaining exhibition, perfect for the whole family, presents diverse works, both traditional and non-conformist. Explore this form of art through touch, colouring and drawing.

Free exhibitions on Place De la Dauversière



Château Ramezay and Reford Gardens present the installation *Jardins M* created by Atelier Pierre Thibault as part of the 5th anniversary of the event *Métis-sur-Montréal*. Five architectural forms make up five exquisite gardens that house nature in the heart of the city.

From June 29 to October 14, Place De la Dauversière will also feature the backlit exhibition *Pleasure Grounds in New France*. Day or night, meander along the paths on the maps of French gardens from a bygone era. Admire the floral photographs by **Louise Tanguay** of species still present in today's gardens.

Must-see Classics! Summer activities

Every Saturday and Sunday afternoon in July and August, New France is featured through a series of free outdoor activities. On Saturdays, on the Château's grounds, listen to and discover a wide range of **musical instruments played here in the 18th century.** On Sundays, **artisanal workshops** get you to roll up your sleeves! Learn how to make candles and soap, dye fibres, spin wool and make felt. Ever tried paper-marbling? This is your chance! And you get to take home your creation. For the detailed program, visit our website at

http://www.chateauramezay.qc.ca/en/activities-and-animation/summer-autumn/

Everyday in the summertime, our guides in traditional costumes await you with furs, trade objects and medicinal plants that allow you to discover different aspects of New France. They'll be waiting for you in the Governor's Garden.



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Exhibitions

Visit the permanent exhibition *Hochelaga, Ville-Marie, Montréal* to connect with the history of Montréal, Québec and Canada, from Aboriginal prehistory to the 20th century. Listen to the colourful characters on our **multimedia circuit** recount the history of Château Ramezay in six languages. Everyday from July 1st to the end of September, our guides will await you for a **guided tour** that will refresh your knowledge of our history. Tours are in French at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.; and in English at 12 noon and 2 p.m.

The exhibition *Life in Montréal in the 18th Century*, presented in the vaults of the Château, will soon be completely transformed. Visit it one last time this summer before it reopens again in summer 2014.

For more information on our activities this summer, consult our website: www.chateauramezay.qc.ca

The Château Ramezay – Historic Site and Museum of Montréal, a non-profit organization, safeguards and makes accessible a collection that reflects and attests to the history of Montréal and Québec. It was the first building in Québec to be classified an historic monument and is the province's oldest private historical museum. Visit our website: <u>chateauramezay.qc.ca</u>

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