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2010: THE MUSEUM TURNS 150... AND IS BEING COMPLETELY REINVENTED WHILE REMAINING OPEN FOR YOU

1860. A group of Montreal art lovers founded the Art Association of Montreal (now the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts) in order to share works of art from their private collections with their families and friends. Over the years, the group expanded, as did the community's interest in this "gallery," leading to the creation of a museum on Sherbrooke Street. Since then, thanks to the generosity of thousands of donors, the loyalty of tens of thousands of members, the support of the Government of Quebec and hundreds of companies, private foundations and individuals, the Museum has undergone five stages of expansion. We would like to acknowledge the exceptional contributions made by the Hornstein, Stewart, Desmarais and Bourgie families.

Today, the Museum is more dynamic than ever before, with unprecedented international exposure and an increasing focus on the exploration of links between the visual arts and music, fashion, art films and, soon, dance. This multiplicity has attracted more and more visitors, VIP members and art donors, enriching the Museum's encyclopedic collection, which remains open to visitors free of charge at all times.

2010. The Museum is expanding for the sixth time in its 150 years of existence. A new Pavilion of Canadian Art, a concert hall and the complete reinstallation of the collection in all its pavilions: it will be a totally reinvented Museum. Director Nathalie Bondil wanted to provide greater visibility for our encyclopedic holdings. In the future, Canadian art will be featured in the new Claire and Marc Bourgie Pavilion, decorative arts and design in the Liliane

and David M. Stewart Pavilion, the fine arts in the Jean-Noël Desmarais Pavilion, and world cultures in the Michal and Renata Hornstein Pavilion. Three important scholarly publications on the collections are also in preparation, to be released in 2011, when all the new projects will be unveiled.

2010. Take advantage of all your Museum has to offer. In spite of ongoing work on our expansion project, the Museum remains open and has a full calendar of enriching exhibitions and programmes on offer.

A year made for you at your Museum.

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