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## Meet Marguerite!

### The Marguerite Bourgeoys Historic Site Comes Out of Lockdown on June 22, 2020

Montréal, June 22, 2020 — The “foolish venture” has started up again at the [Marguerite-Bourgeoys Historic Site](#) (formerly the Marguerite Bourgeoys Museum and Notre-Dame-de-Bon-Secours Chapel), with attractions tailored specifically for visitors from Montréal and elsewhere in Quebec, to encourage them to appreciate a unique heritage, preserved and showcased for their benefit.

“We had just started setting it up when everything went into lockdown. But thanks to the enthusiasm of our production team and the professionalism of our suppliers, we are going to be reopening the Marguerite Bourgeoys Historic Site on June 22 and inaugurating a new permanent exhibition.” said a proud Jean-François Royal, the site’s Executive Director.



After weeks of confinement, all the health precautions are in place to ensure employees’ and visitors’ safety. Even more impressive, the new permanent exhibition, **Meet Marguerite!**, will have been installed in just one month, to the day, after the Minister of Culture gave the green light to return to work.

While he is full of admiration for his team, he also noted that they had a good example to follow: “I have to say that we had an excellent model of daring and perseverance to inspire us. The life and work of Marguerite Bourgeoys, a key figure in Quebec and Canadian history, are an invaluable legacy for all Quebeckers.”

The tribute to this exceptional woman and the fascinating history of the Bonsecours site uses an innovative and original museographic approach, in three museum rooms, an archaeological site and an 18<sup>th</sup>-century stone vault.

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The theme of the new exhibition shows how Marguerite Bourgeoys' legacy continues to resonate both here and around the globe. The focus is on her personal saga and her energy and daring. **Meet Marguerite** is an invitation to rediscover a historic figure, of course, but also a woman of action whose accomplishments have had a huge impact.

Many people know that Marguerite established an education system in the colony of Montréal, that she had a pilgrimage chapel built and that she founded a new kind of religious community, but the exhibition also looks at the various social issues rooted in her work, from access to education to immigration, cultural diversity and women's influence," explains Royal. "By renewing the exhibition content, the Marguerite Bourgeoys Historic Site is updating its attractions and reaffirming its role in the community. It is an active player in showcasing, sharing and promoting Quebec culture and history, with the goal of encouraging reflection and building bridges between the past and present."

Come with your family or on your own and **Meet Marguerite!**

**Starting June 22**

**Daily, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.**

Reserve tickets online at [lepointdevente.com](http://lepointdevente.com) or purchase them safely at the door

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The [Marguerite Bourgeoys Historic Site](http://margueritebourgeoys.org) has been welcoming Montrealers and tourists to the heart of Old Montréal since 1998. The visitor experience revolves around a permanent exhibition focusing on Marguerite Bourgeoys, a key figure in Quebec and Canadian history, the history of the Notre-Dame-de-Bon-Secours Chapel and the Congregation of Notre-Dame, two institutions she founded, along with some significant heritage spaces and an archaeological site recognized for its heritage value, recounting over 2,400 years of Montréal history.

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