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At Their Risk and Peril Travelling the Continent in Days of Old

Montréal, May 12, 2015 – The Marguerite Bourgeoys Museum, located in the historic district of Old Montreal, is proud to announce that its new exhibition, *At Their Risk and Peril – Travelling the Continent in Days of Old*, will open on May 15. The exhibition will plunge visitors of all ages into the fascinating world of those who travelled across North America from the 16th to the 19th centuries.

When Europeans came to the New World, they found a whole new continent and cultures that had already been here for thousands of years. The newcomers were soon influenced by the practices and beliefs of the people they encountered. Travel in those days was extremely difficult – without roads or accurate maps, adventurers faced risks and perils of all kinds, along with occasional moments of pure wonder.



The exhibition will invite visitors to embark on a fabulous journey featuring striking objects and historical accounts illustrating a universe filled with discoveries, dangers and remarkable experiences. An audioguide will also introduce visitors to the rich folklore, customs and devotions that these travellers initiated and perpetuated.

Follow the explorers, missionaries and traders who bravely crisscrossed North America from the 16th to the 19th centuries. At the Marguerite Bourgeoys Museum from May 15, 2015 to December 4, 2016.

About the Marguerite Bourgeoys Museum

The Marguerite Bourgeoys Museum presents fascinating accounts and significant objects to showcase the life and work of Marguerite Bourgeoys, Montréal's first teacher. The Museum is located in the city's oldest chapel (1771), also known as the Sailors' Church. Visitors can explore the 18th-century stone crypt and climb the tower to admire a stunning view of the St. Lawrence, Old Montreal and downtown. The archaeological site, opened in 1998, has witnessed more than 2,400 years of history. In addition to its permanent exhibition spaces, the Museum offers a variety of temporary exhibitions and cultural activities, along with school programs.

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