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**Montréal, December 3, 2013** – Throughout December, the Château Ramezay will be offering visitors a chance to enjoy a host of festive-themed, family activities. Invite all your relatives – and don't forget Granny! Discover a variety of entertaining exhibits and traditional activities designed to bring cheer to the whole family! Stock up on anecdotes and warm memories to share during the holiday season!



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## Photos New France Style

## Around the Fireplace... Holiday Traditions

From December 7, 2013 to January 5, 2014, five fireplaces at the Château Ramezay will be sumptuously decorated according to a particular theme. Each mantelpiece will explain the origin of a specific Christmas tradition: Christmas cards, Christmas stockings, advent calendars and more – it'll be well worth gathering around the fireside!

# Hang your Christmas stocking!

Only the Château Ramezay offers this activity! Children can hang a Christmas stocking by the fireplace and come back after New Year to find what Santa has left them! (But they better be good!)

Stockings are on sale at the front desk for \$10 + tax. Stockings can be hung from December 1 to 30, 2013. Stockings can be picked up as of January 2, 2014.

Looking for an original gift for family and friends? How about a photo taken in the historic surroundings of the Château Ramezay? Bring your own camera or make the most of ours! Deck yourself in period accessories and share some laughs while you have your picture taken. Fun for the whole family!

- Cost: included in entrance fee. Additional \$ 5 for printing photos taken with museum camera.
- Dates: Saturdays and Sundays, December 7, 2013 to January 5, 2014; December 26 to 30, 2013 and January 2 to 5, 2014, from 1 pm to 4 pm.

## **Baking Workshop**

Young and old are invited to tie on an apron and try their hand at making, baking and eating sourdough bread.

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## The Trading Post

A fur trader will welcome you at the entrance to the Château. With his furs and his stories, he'll take you back to the early days of New France. Try out a pair of old-fashioned snowshoes (if there is snow!), then warm up with a cup of hot chocolate. *Free outdoor activity*.

## Listen to the music!

There's nothing like music to put you in the holiday spirit! This December, two choirs and an orchestra have been invited to perform in the Château's splendid *Salle de Nantes*. Performances will take place at 1:30 and 3 pm on each of the following Sundays:

- December 8: Les Chantres musiciens
- December 15: Orchestre Les amis de la musique
- December 22: Le Quatuor de l'île

Cost: included in entrance fee.

#### **Gift Ideas**

Don't forget to stop in at our gift shop while you're here! Get Aunt Lucy a book on recipes from New France, or your Sweetie, some traditional candy! Better yet, give friends and family a chance to spend some memorable moments at the Museum with a pair of tickets or even a membership, to the Château Ramezay!

For more information on these activities, visit <u>facebook.com/Chateau.Ramezay</u> or <u>chateauramezay.qc.ca</u>.

The Château Ramezay – Historic Site and Museum of Montréal, is a non-profit organization which safeguards and makes accessible a collection focused primarily on the history of Montréal and Quebec. The Chateau was the first building in Quebec to be classified an historic monument. It is the oldest private historical museum in the province. Visit our internet site at **chateauramezay.qc.ca**.

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