

# Conrad Poirier's Montréal

Château Ramezay – Historic Site and Museum of Montréal presents the exhibition As seen by Poirier - Montréal before, during and after the Second World War. Discover the daily lives of Montrealers in the 1930s, 1940s and 1950s, through carefully selected photographs by photographer Conrad Poirier.

### Montréal before, during and after the Second World War

Just metres from the hustle and bustle of Place Jacques-Cartier, in the heart of the historic quarter, travel back in time. Let the photographs of Conrad Poirier immerse you in his Montréal, the city before, during and after the Second World War. Discover works illustrating sports and cultural scenes, and other more intimate and ephemeral

moments of Montrealers of all ages and social classes. You'll meet the gaze of Jackie Robinson, imagine you can hear the songs of Charles Trenet, and surprise Montrealers in the middle of their move, with comments by historian Jean-François Nadeau.

#### A photographer of his time

A pioneer of photojournalism in Québec, **Conrad Poirier** is best known for his published photographs in major newspapers and magazines of the time, including *Le Samedi, The Gazette, The Montrealer, La Presse* and *La Revue populaire*. Poirier specialized in capturing little moments in daily life.



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#### A meticulous selection

Historian, journalist, and photography lover, **Jean-François Nadeau** selected and commented on 18 photographs chosen from among 23 000 images captured by the artist and that now belong to the public domain. This is the second time he has collaborated with Château Ramezay for an exhibition of this kind. In summer 2017, Château Ramezay exhibited reproductions from his book *Montrealers: A Story in Portraits* (Juniper Publishing).

Each summer, Château Ramezay offers a selection of archival photographs on Le Royer and Saint-Claude streets. This free outdoor photo exhibition runs until **November 3, 2019,** behind the Château's garden, between Place Jacques-Cartier and Marché Bonsecours.

**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 Château 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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