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**McCord Museum presents
Dream Weavers – Costumes by Cirque du Soleil
From May 26 to October 11, 2010**

Montreal, May 10, 2010 – This summer, the McCord Museum will host the exhibition ***Dream Weavers - Costumes by Cirque du Soleil***. Beginning **May 26, 2010**, visitors to the Museum will have a chance to discover the creative genius of the artists who have contributed to the success of this internationally celebrated Quebec company. **This summer, experience Cirque du Soleil at the McCord!**

Comprised of costume components, photos, audio and video documents, the exhibition will captivate visitors as they delve into the magical world of Cirque du Soleil. *Dream Weavers – Costumes by Cirque du Soleil* pays homage to the savoir-faire of the costume designers and artisans at Cirque du Soleil and takes visitors on a voyage into the mesmerizing realm of its shows.

“The Circus arts are all about emotions: those created for the audience, those experienced by the artists, and those transmitted by the artisans who help bring Cirque du Soleil’s legendary characters to life,” explains Sylvie François, curator of the exhibition. “It is this intertwining of passion, excellence and complicity between artists and artisans that the exhibition celebrates.”

The exhibition opens a window into Cirque’s costume workshop and introduces museum visitors to a universe of colour and texture unlike any of its kind. Featured are the various steps in costume and accessory production, from dyes and design to hats, lace and shoes. It’s a behind the scenes look at the artistry that goes into each piece and each show.

“We are delighted and proud that the McCord Museum is embarking on this fascinating Cirque du Soleil adventure. For 25 years, Cirque has been displaying trailblazing and exceptional artistic prowess and innovation. It has taken its rightful place as an integral part of the cultural landscape of Montreal and Quebec, and in doing so, it has become part of our collective history,” adds Suzanne Sauvage, President and Chief Executive Officer of the McCord Museum.

The McCord Museum, one of the most important museums in Canada, is dedicated to the preservation, study, diffusion and appreciation of Canadian history. It is home to one of the largest historical collections in North America, comprised of First Nations objects, costume and textiles, decorative and visual artworks, and textual archives. The McCord Museum produces exhibitions and develops innovative educational activities and Internet projects in collaboration with local, national and international partners.

Images available on request.

For more information on the exhibition or to schedule an interview with Sylvie François, curator of the exhibition, please contact:

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