

Public Programs

Notman, Visionary Photographer: Tour With the Experts Saturday, November 24 at 1:30 p.m. Tickets: \$5. Buy your tickets online or by phone at 819-776-7000. Notman exhibition and Haida Gwaii Mezzanine

William Notman literally looked at the world through a different lens. Using unprecedented photographic techniques, he created stunning portraits of Montréal, the city he called home. This new exploration of Notman's work opens with a celebration of his genius and a closer look at his subjects. The Canadian Museum of History's Dr. John Willis and the McCord Museum's Hélène Samson reveal the man behind the photographs — and the city he documented so thoroughly. All tours are followed by an informal question-andanswer period over tea, coffee and cookies.

General Museum admission must be purchased in addition to tour tickets.

Notman, Visionary Photographer: Opening Weekend Thursday, November 22 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. November 24 and 25 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Notman exhibition, Haida Gwaii Mezzanine

Children and their families will enjoy immersing themselves in the world of early photography by getting hands-on in Notman's replica studio. Find out more about capturing compelling portraits and stunning landscapes as you create your own composite photograph. Take turns in front of — and behind! — the camera, and explore the Museum's photography collection.

History Night With a Visionary Photographer Thursday, January 24 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Notman exhibition and Haida Gwaii Mezzanine

Join the curatorial team for **Notman, Visionary Photographer** and other experts to explore Canada through the eyes of a photographic master. Photographer William Notman (1826–1891) earned an international reputation from his Montréal studio, where his cutting-edge photographic techniques captured an era. Following opening remarks from the curators and experts at 6 p.m., mingle with them and other museum enthusiasts while enjoying cocktails and appetizers. Then, explore the exhibition and step into our Notman-inspired portrait studio to try your hand at some of his techniques.

As part of our ongoing History Night series, this event is free of charge, and includes appetizers and a cash bar.

Awesome Victorian Sunday, February 24 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Canadian History Hall Lobby

It's an Awesome Sunday fit for Queen Victoria. During this special one-day family event, you'll make a moustache and learn about being a Victorian gentleman or create your own fan to send your special someone a message from across a crowded room. As you take in the music of the period, you can also play Victorian games and dress up in Victorian garb. Visit the exhibition **Notman, Visionary Photographer** for inspiration, and take a perfect Victorian portrait in our photo booth.

Handmade Fun: Frame It! March 1 to April 30 Daily 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Thursdays until 7 p.m. Canadian Children's Museum Studio

In this age of digital photography, encourage your kids to take their time creating one-of-a-kind frames to bring home. Using feathers, stickers, markers and stamps, they will personalize their frames, then strike a pose and take a photo with the Museum's instant camera. For inspiration, don't forget to visit our special exhibition **Notman, Visionary Photographer**, on view until April 14.

A Victorian Portrait Studio: March Break at the Museum March 2 to 17 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Canadian History Hall Lobby

In conjunction with the exhibition **Notman, Visionary Photographer**, connect with the history of photography this March Break. Before today's Photoshop techniques and Instagram filters, a Victorian photographer had to make hundreds of careful decisions when creating a lasting portrait. Inside a replica of William Notman's Montréal studio — complete with costumes, furniture and props — create and take home your own portrait. Or explore one of the earliest versions of moving pictures by making your own thaumatrope.