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## **INSTITUTE FOR CANADIAN CITIZENSHIP'S CULTURAL ACCESS PASS LAUNCHES IN MONTRÉAL MUSEUMS AND GALLERIES ON NOV. 18**

**Montréal** - The Institute for Canadian Citizenship announces the expansion of its Cultural Access Pass program to galleries and museums in Montréal. Starting Nov.18, new citizens will be eligible for free admission to **Pointe-à-Callière, musée d'archéologie et d'histoire de Montréal, Le musée commémoratif de l'Holocauste à Montréal, Musée McCord d'Histoire Canadienne, and Musée d'art contemporain de Montréal** for a full year from the date they are sworn in as Canadians.

A presentation and offer of the Cultural Access Pass will be made to the new citizens being sworn in at citizenship ceremonies on Nov.18 at the Hellenic Community of Montréal (5757 Wilderton Avenue) in Outremont at 10 a.m. and at 2 p.m. For further information on the Cultural Access Pass, visit [www.culturalaccesspass.ca](http://www.culturalaccesspass.ca).

"We are absolutely delighted to be working with these first four Montreal museums and galleries toward giving new citizens the opportunity to become familiar with the cultural institutions in their communities," said Institute for Canadian Citizenship CEO Curtis Barlow. "By welcoming new citizens, these institutions help develop in them a true sense of connection and belonging to the communities in which they choose to live and work."

The Cultural Access Pass was launched in April 2008 in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) with six galleries and museums. Twenty-one museums and galleries in the GTA are now participating in the program, along with nine museums and galleries in Kitchener and Waterloo.

The Institute for Canadian Citizenship is working in partnership with the Canadian Museums Association on the national expansion of the Cultural Access Pass.

The Institute for Canadian Citizenship is a national, non-profit organization founded and co-chaired by the Right Honourable Adrienne Clarkson and John Ralston Saul dedicated to engaging Canadians about citizenship. [www.icc-icc.ca](http://www.icc-icc.ca)

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