



Public Programs

Hands-on Heraldry

June 15 to July 1 and August 1 to 31

Daily 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Thursdays until 7 p.m.

Lieutenant-Colonel John McCrae Gallery

What symbols would you use to tell the world who you are? Join us in the **Armour** exhibition for a hands-on lesson in heraldry, and create your own family crest or coat of arms with emblems that tell a visual story about your personal history and values. Discover how protocols for coats of arms and other armorial bearings began as a way for armoured knights to identify themselves on medieval battlefields. This family activity for children aged 5 to 10 is a fun way to learn the symbolic language of heraldry, and to find out how this old tradition continues to influence modern military insignia — centuries after suits of armour became obsolete.

Art and Seek

June 15 to September 3

Daily 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Thursdays until 7 p.m.

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Along with many exquisitely gilded and engraved treasures from the Museo Stibbert in Italy, the **Armour** exhibition includes Renaissance paintings. We'll give you an item to take with you as you explore the works of art. Once you find it, return the object and receive another to track down. How many will you be able to find? Explore the intersecting worlds of art and armour with your family, and experience this fascinating exhibition from a different perspective.

Suit Up!

June 15 to September 3

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Be a hero — or at least look and feel like one. Dress up as a knight from the Renaissance, try on Wonder Woman's arm braces and test out Captain America's shield! Visit our amazing **Armour** exhibition to explore the evolving roles of personal protective gear in battle, sports, society and popular culture. While you're there, join in this fun family activity for all ages. Experiment by trying on different types of armour, and see how it's been recreated and reimagined through the centuries.

Great Gauntlets!

July 2 to 31

Daily 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Thursdays until 7 p.m.

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We're throwing down the gauntlet by challenging kids to make their own customized hand and arm protectors. Take a break from admiring shining Renaissance suits and swords in the Museum's **Armour** exhibition. We'll show you how to craft a gauntlet using card stock and paper fasteners instead of plate metal and rivets — no metalsmithing skills required! Find out why effective and practical armour requires a balance between mobility and protection.

Knights at Night

Thursdays, July 26 and August 2

8:30 p.m.

North Plaza

Free

Inflatable couches will be available to rent for \$5

Learn about the history of **Armour** in our amazing exhibition (free admission from 5 to 8 p.m.), then stick around for a free outdoor movie featuring your favourite knights in shining armour.

July 26 – *A Knight's Tale* (2001, 2h 24m, PG), in English

Peasant-born William Thatcher (Heath Ledger) begins a quest to change his fate, win the heart of an exceedingly fair maiden (Shannyn Sossamon) and rock his medieval world. With the help of friends (Mark Addy, Paul Bettany, Alan Tudyk), he faces the ultimate test of medieval gallantry — tournament jousting — and tries to discover if he has the mettle to become a legend.

August 2 – *Les visiteurs* (1993, 1h 43m, PG), in French

Godefroy de Papincourt, Count of Montmirail (Jean Reno), is a 12th century Gallic knight who finds himself transported to 1993, along with his dim servant, Jacquouille la Fripouille (Christian Clavier), when a wizard's spell goes awry. Startled and perplexed by modern technology, Godefroy and Jacquouille run amok, destroying cars and causing chaos until they meet Beatrice de Montmirail (Valérie Lemercier), an aristocratic descendant of the nobleman, who may be able to help them get back to 1123.

Organized in partnership with Capital Pop-Up Cinema. In case of rain, the screenings will be moved inside the Museum.

Awesome Armour

Sunday, July 29

10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

LeBreton Gallery

Don't miss this action-packed day of activities inspired by the **Armour** exhibition! Watch demonstrations of historical European martial arts by Armoured Company of the Sword, whose members spar (safely!) using modern and traditional equipment. Hone your own medieval battle skills in all-ages educational workshops led by Ottawa Swordplay. Learn sword techniques used by knights and peasant soldiers alike. Visit the craft area to make and decorate your own gauntlet and shield to take home with you. Come in your own armour-inspired costume and have your face painted by On Scene FX.

**JUNE 15
TO SEPTEMBER 3, 2018**

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