



## Seven Days, Seven Nights: Rockin' New Year's Eve to La Biennale de Montréal



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Santa has settled in at the Stewart Museum until Jan. 4.

Stewart Museum

### Monday, Dec. 29

Montreal's Howl Arts Collective hosts a benefit concert tonight to raise money to help pay for the legal defence efforts challenging Montreal's P6 bylaw that puts restrictions on public demonstrations. The controversial bylaw was adopted in the spring of 2012 during the student tuition-fee protests, and last August Quebec's Superior Court agreed to hear a class-action lawsuit on behalf of 1,610 people detained under law. Performers at tonight's benefit concert are Amir Amiri, Sarah Mangle, renowned Montreal poet and trumpet player Jason Blackbird Selman, Marco Simonsen-Sereda, Stefan Christoff and Montreal legend Norman Nawrocki. It all happens at Casa del Popolo (4873 St-Laurent Blvd.) beginning at 8:30 p.m. Admission: suggested donation of \$5 to \$10.

### Tuesday, Dec. 30

The popular **Santas Are Taking Over the Stewart Museum** exhibition continues until Jan. 4 and features gorgeous Santa figurines handmade by American artists Beth Cameron, Lynn West and Lynn Haney, as well as Quebec artist Carole Landreville. "This exhibition will delight children of all ages," says Stewart Museum CEO Suzanne Sauvage. The Stewart Museum (20 Chemin du Tour de l'Isle) has also created three activities for children: a Little Elves Workshop; a themed treasure hunt for children age 3-to-9; and the screening of two animated short films, including the Oscar-winning 1982 film **Crac** by Frédéric Back. The Stewart Museum is normally open from Wednesday to Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., but is exceptionally open today (and closed on Jan. 1). Admission: Free for the entire duration of the exhibition. Details: 514-861-6701.

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### Wednesday, Dec. 31

The live music scene is quiet in Montreal this week, but some of this city's première entertainers are headlining New Year's Eve concerts tonight.

The award-winning Carolyn Fe Blues Collective headlines the downtown House of Jazz (2060 Aylmer St.) while Montreal soul queen Michelle Sweeney headlines the House of Jazz Laval (1639 de l'Avenir Blvd.). Admission: \$125 + taxes for each show, includes a five-course meal. Reservations required: 514-842-8656 (Montreal) and 450-669-3000 (Laval).

Rockers Jonas & The Massive Attraction perform two intimate sets at Jonas' Rosewood Pub-Restaurant (60 St-Jacques St.) in Old Montreal; 80\$ (plus taxes) gets you food all night plus bubbly at midnight. Reservations: 514-843-8585 or [info@rosewoodmontreal.com](mailto:info@rosewoodmontreal.com).

Over at the downtown Piranha Bar (680 Ste-Catherine St. W.), heavy-metal headliners Slaves on Dope host their fourth annual New Year's Party, topping a very loud bill that includes Eagle Tears, Stock Tone System, April Hate (an homage to Nirvana), Keychain, Cereal Killers (homage to Green Jelly) and NoDirectionHome. Admission: \$12 advance, \$15 at the door. Showtime: 8 p.m. Details: 514-508-2116.

Montreal's Queen of the Blues Dawn Tyler Watson headlines Upstairs Jazz Bar & Grill (1254 Mackay St.) beginning at 8 p.m. The \$137.95 admission + taxes gets you a three-course meal plus bubbly at midnight. Reservations required: 514-931-6808.

### Thursday, Jan. 1

Pretty much everything is closed on New Year's Day, but the city's cinemas are open. Watch blockbuster fare at the downtown Cineplex Odeon Forum and Cinéma Banque Scotia Montréal, plus repertory and art-house fare at Cinéma du Parc. Check all movies and cinemas at [cinemaclock.com/Montreal.html](http://cinemaclock.com/Montreal.html)

### Friday, Jan. 2

If you plan on tying the knot in 2015, what better way to kick off the New Year than to explore the critically acclaimed *Love in Fine Fashion* exhibition of 30 fabulous wedding dresses plus accessories — shoes, bags, gloves — mostly from the McCord's huge collection of 18,000 garments and accessories. The exhibition unfolds as a narrative about romance, and features the stories of several Montreal women who owned the items in the exhibition, which runs until April 12. The exhibition will take you about 60 minutes to wander through. Admission: \$13 to \$19. Details: [mccord-museum.qc.ca](http://mccord-museum.qc.ca) or 514-398-7100.

### Saturday, Jan. 3

This is the final weekend to see Quebec City acrobatic circus troupe Flip Fabrique's crowd-pleasing 80-minute show *Attrape-moi* at the TOHU (2345 Jarry St. E.). They wind down their run with two presentations, at 2 and 7:30 p.m. today. Admission: \$15 to \$45. Tickets via [tohu.ca](http://tohu.ca) or call 514 376-8648.

### Sunday, Jan. 4

If you haven't had an opportunity to check out La Biennale de Montréal, today is your last chance. The theme of this year's edition is L'avenir (looking forward) and features 50 artists and collectives from 22 countries — including 25 Canadian artists — at various venues throughout the city. La Biennale's principal venue is the Musée d'art contemporain de Montréal, which has dedicated all of its exhibition and public spaces to present the works of 43 artists, including a new installation by Montreal artist Étienne Tremblay-Tardif. Admission to the MAC: \$5 to \$14. Details: [bnlmtl2014.org](http://bnlmtl2014.org) or 514-521-7340.