



Call for Papers: “The Burneys: Isolation, Gatherings, and Celebrations” Montreal, 13-14 June 2023

The Burney Society of North America, a group of scholars and serious lay readers interested in Frances Burney’s works and dedicated to furthering knowledge about Burney and her talented family, will hold its annual general meeting and conference at McGill University (Montreal) in the Colgate Room of Rare Books and Special Collections in the McLennan Library, 13-14 June 2023.

As we emerge from our own period of confinement and isolation, and look to gather and celebrate together in Montreal, we seek proposals for papers, panels, or roundtables that discuss any topic related to representations or explorations of **confinement, imprisonment, escape, reemergence, freedom, gatherings, and/or celebrations** in the works or experiences of **Frances Burney and members of the Burney family**.

Please send one-page proposals for papers and panels to Catherine Keohane at BurneyNA23@gmail.com by 15 January 2023. Submissions from graduate students are especially welcome. Participants will be notified by 1 March 2023. You may submit a proposal without being a member of The Burney Society, but all participants must be current members.

Membership in the Burney Society includes *The Burney Letter*, the semi-annual newsletter of the society, and *The Burney Journal*, the society's annual literary journal. Members enjoy reciprocity with the UK Burney Society. Annual dues: \$30 USD (\$15 USD full-time student rate) due on Frances Burney's birth date, 13 June. To join or for more information, please visit www.mcgill.ca/burneycentre/burney-society/membership (to pay online) or contact Kirsten Hall at kirsten.hall@avemaria.edu or Elaine Bander at elainebander@gmail.com.

Estimated cost for the two-day conference, including three meals plus wine with dinner provided at the nearby Faculty Club, will be about \$175 USD (with significant reductions for FT students).

Montreal is lovely in June. McGill University has arrangements with nearby hotels for discounts: www.mcgill.ca/accommodations/mohp/downtown. (Tell the hotels that you are in town on McGill business.) The hotel closest to the McLennan Library, the Best Western Ville-Marie Montreal, is not on this list, but it is just steps away from the Faculty Club and the Library, is quite reasonable, and houses an excellent café.