



FREE LECTURES

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Admission is free at the Museum on Thursdays from 4 to 8 p.m.

Thursday, March 31 at 7 p.m. (in French)

The Female Aska Pendant: New Elements of Interpretation

Dr. Céline Leduc, University of Ottawa

Location: Douglas Cardinal Salon, Level 1

Canadian Museum of History

According to the **Vikings** exhibition from The Swedish History Museum, the traditional female Aska pendant bears a depiction of the goddess Freya. Why would a pendant from the Scandinavian Iron Age feature a mythological figure? This lecture will explore the pendant's possible representation of Freya, while also suggesting a different interpretation based on current knowledge of *seidhr*, a shamanic practice once used for divination, to find lost objects and to wage supernatural warfare.



The Swedish History Museum

Thursday, April 14 at 7 p.m. (in English)

A Closer Look at the Vikings: Curator's Edition

Gunnar Andersson, The Swedish History Museum

Location: Douglas Cardinal Salon, Level 1

Canadian Museum of History

What do we really know about the Vikings? Knowledge of the Vikings, their societies and their worlds has changed as a result of recent archaeological discoveries. However, these new findings were mostly confined to academic reports and conference papers. In 2011, The Swedish History Museum decided it was time to change this. The challenge was to produce an exhibition that combined stories visitors could recognize, while dispelling old stereotypes and presenting new research or new ways of interpreting old results.



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The exhibition was developed by The Swedish History Museum in Sweden, in partnership with MuseumsPartner in Austria, and is presented at the Canadian Museum of History.

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