

REMINDER: BEARD GROWING CONTEST REGISTRATION EVENT THIS THURSDAY

ST.BONIFACE, **DECEMBER 12th**, **2011** – Festival du Voyageur is proud to present the 30th edition of the **Beard Growing Contest**. The competition for the **Festival Beard (clean shaven)** category begins this Thursday, as men will shave their beard on that day and let it grow for the next 10 weeks until the Beard Growing Contest night on February 24, 2012.

The registration event will take place this Thursday, December 15th, 2011 at Garage Café located at 166, Provencher Boulevard between 5 p.m. and 9 p.m. and is open to the public. Please note that participants must be clean shaven prior to registration.

Other public categories include **Voyageur Beard** (wild and wooly) and **Novelty** (groomed beard and/or mustache). All participants are encouraged to raise pledges for The Heart & Stroke Foundation of Manitoba for their growing efforts. The \$35 registration fee will be waived if the contestant has raised more than \$100 in pledges.

To pre-register online or for more information regarding the Beard Growing Contest, please visit our website at <u>www.heho.ca</u>.

OTHER MUSICAL ACTS ANNOUNCED

Festival du Voyageur announces today that **Jimmy Hunt** will be part of the lineup for the 43rd edition. Jimmy Hunt was named one of Radio-Canada's 2011-2012 Musical Revelations. The Montreal singer-songwriter released its first solo album in October 2010 and since then has become a rising star in the Francophone music scene. Watch his video for the song Everything Crash, the first single off his self-titled album at: <u>http://blogues.radio-canada.ca/revelations2011/jimmy-hunt/</u>

As published on Festival du Voyageur's Facebook page, traditional act **Le Bal à l'huile** will be performing at the Bal du Gouverneur. Our most prestigious event will take place on February 18th, 2012 at the Fort Garry Hotel and tickets are on sale now.

For additional information regarding Festival du Voyageur, visit our website at <u>www.heho.ca</u>, like our <u>Facebook page</u> or follow our <u>Twitter account</u>.

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