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## FESTIVAL DU VOYAGEUR REVEALS PROGRAMMING FOR ITS 46<sup>TH</sup> EDITION

**SAINT-BONIFACE, January 13, 2015** – This morning at Fort Gibraltar, Festival du Voyageur revealed the programming for its 46th edition, taking place **February 13 to 22, 2015**. As indicated by this year's slogan, Festival du Voyageur 2015 will without a doubt be "The World's Largest Kitchen Party."

### GREAT MUSIC SELECTION AT FDV 2015

This year, 130 artists will be showcased at Voyageur Park as well as in our 9 other official sites during the 10 days of the Festival! Franco-Manitoban acts **Chic Gamine, Carmen Campagne, Marijosée, Ça Claque!** and more will be performing this year. The Festival is also proud to welcome artists from outside the province such as **Radio Radio, Les Chercheurs d'or, Le Vent du Nord** and Grammy Award winners **BeauSoleil** from Louisiana. Many Anglophone acts are also part of this year's programming, including **Buck 65, Elliott Brood, JP Hoe** and **Moses Mayes!**

### THE FORT OPENING ITS DOORS AT NIGHT

This year, Festival du Voyageur offers, for the very first time, nightly activities between the four walls of Fort Gibraltar! The **Bar Gibraltar presented by Jägermeister** will be a new late-night area at the Park. Festival-goers will have the opportunity to dance to **DJ beats**, warm up around **bonfires** and be amazed by **fire jugglers!** The Fort's nighttime activities will take place on **February 14, 15, 20 and 21** from **9:30 p.m. to midnight**. This venue is open to all ages.

### SOMETHING FOR ALL AGES AT VOYAGEUR PARK

Voyageur Park is the ideal location to celebrate winter! The young ones can enjoy a **winter playground** with **snow forts, slides, voyageur adventures, hills to climb, instruments, games, horse-drawn sleigh rides, a giant igloo** and much more! Adults can participate in one of the many free **snowshoe workshops**, relax at the **Liquor Mart Snow Bar**, shop for unique items in the **Souvenir Tent** or take part in the **Voyageur Apprentice Workshops** and learn more about Manitoba's history at **Fort Gibraltar**.

### PLENTY OF ACTIVITIES DURING LOUIS RIEL DAY

To celebrate Louis Riel Day on February 16, Festival du Voyageur offers a day full of programming. There will be loads of activities at Fort Gibraltar, such as **traditional trades and crafts demonstrations, fiddling and jigging workshops**, and much more. We will also create **the largest 'living' Métis flag ever!** Festival du Voyageur will provide free attire to the public in order to create the flag colors.

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## MORE SHOWS AT OUR OFFICIAL SITES

In addition to Voyageur Park, 9 other official sites will offer special programming during the 2015 Festival du Voyageur. **The Voyageur Trading Post, Le Garage, Club St-B, l'Auberge du violon, Pionniers Trading Post, Club Regent Casino, Chez Sophie sur le pont, and The Wood** will be open to all those looking to extend the party! The **Rendez-vous on Ice**, located at The Forks where the Red and Assiniboine rivers meet on the Red River Mutual Trail, will be open to the public **from February 13 to 16** and will offer an **outdoor bar, a fashion show on ice, a family day** and more. The complete programming of our official sites is available on our website at [www.heho.ca](http://www.heho.ca).

## NEW WINTER FEAST AND OTHER POPULAR EVENTS

A brand new event will be presented at the Voyageur Trading Post (CCFM) this year! The all new **Winter Feast** presented in collaboration with **Francofonds** is a fundraising event for Fort Gibraltar taking place on **Saturday, February 14**. Many of the public's favourite events will be back this year at Voyageur Park and at the Voyageur Trading Post. Highlights include the **33rd Beard Growing Contest** on **February 20** at the CCFM, for which we are still accepting registrations in the Voyageur Beard category (wild and woolly), the Novelty category (groomed mustache or beard) and the open category (participants must create their own beard). The **Community Night presented by La Liberté** will take place in the evening of Saturday, February 21 at the CCFM. Other events coming back this year include the **Mascot Challenge, Cajun Night presented by Club Regent Casino, the jiggling and fiddling competitions** presented by **Power Corporation of Canada** as well as the **Rendez-vous des chefs**, a pea soup competition.

## SHUTTLE SERVICE: EASY AND FREE FOR FESTIVAL-GOERS

Again this year, Festival du Voyageur offers a **free shuttle service** in order to help lessen traffic around Voyageur Park and to enhance the visitor experience. The shuttle's route will take it from the **Centre LaVérendrye** free parking lot (614, Des Meurons street), to **Université de Saint-Boniface** free parking lot (entrance on Despina St.), to **Voyageur Park**. The shuttle will stop every 20 minutes at these designated stops.

## LAST WEEK FOR THE PRE-SALE OF 10-DAY FDV PASSES

The **10-day Voyageur Pass**, which gives you access to Voyageur Park and free or discounted admission to all Festival du Voyageur sites is on pre-sale until January 16 at the **Festival du Voyageur offices** (233 Provencher blvd.), at **233-ALLÔ** as well as **online** at [www.heho.ca](http://www.heho.ca). The passes are also on sale in Safeway stores throughout Winnipeg at its regular price of \$30 for adults (18 and over), \$16 for youth (13-17 years old) and \$11 for children (5-12). Admission is free for children 4 and under.

For additional information regarding Festival du Voyageur, download the newest version of our free **mobile application available for iOS and Android devices** developed by Greencopper, visit our website at [www.heho.ca](http://www.heho.ca), like our [Facebook page](#) or follow our [Twitter account](#).

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