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THE 42ND EDITION OF FESTIVAL DU VOYAGEUR: A GREAT SUCCESS

SAINT-BONIFACE, FEBRUARY 28TH, 2011- The 42nd edition of the Festival du Voyageur officially came to an end, Sunday, February 27th, 2011. Although the final numbers are not available yet, the Festival du Voyageur organization is confident that it attracted a large number of visitors.

This year, Festival du Voyageur asked its visitors to embrace their inner voyageur and to get festival'd. Visitors clearly responded, like real voyageurs would, with their enthusiasm to celebrate regardless of the cold weather. Among the events that marked the Festival this year, the Bal du Gouverneur presented by Liquor Marts, The Beard Growing Contest, The Rendez-vous des chefs, Cajun Night presented by Club Regent Casino, the 40th anniversary of the Fiddling and Jigging Competition presented by Pepsi, DJ Night and Louis Riel Day, proved to be very popular this year. Many visitors also took the opportunity to participate in events held at the Trading Posts of the festival such as the Pancake Breakfasts at the Pionniers Trading Post, the late-night shows at Garage Café and the King's Head as well as the diverse concerts at the Voyageur Trading post.

Festival du Voyageur's staff would like to take a few moments to thank its volunteers, sponsors, partners and many visitors who made the 2011 festival a true success.

THE WINNERS

The 2011 edition of the Beard Growing Contest was a success on many levels. Thanks to the Beard Growing Contest and the pledges collected by contestants, more than 5000\$ were raised for the Heart & Stroke Foundation of Manitoba. As for the grand prizes, the winner in the *Novelty category (groomed moustache and/or beard)* was David Pierrard, in the *Festival Beard (clean shaven on December 9th, 2010)* category, Ron Colony received the grand prize and in the *Voyageur Beard (wild and woolly)* category, Roger Prince took home the money and the champion's honour. A media category was also added this year and Scott Andersson from CTV won first place. Kevin Grimshire also received a prize from Festival for having collected the most donations, a total of \$695.

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Every year at the Bal du Gouverneur, a blue capot is awarded to an outstanding individual who has greatly contributed to the festival and the community over the years. Festival du Voyageur awarded Jeanne Bernardin with a posthumous capot.

The winners of the fiddle contest were: in the 9 yrs old and under category, Maryn Woo, in the 10-12 yrs old category, Catlin Baker, in the 13-17 yrs old category, Sylvie Reimer, in the 60+ category, Henri Hince and in the open championship category, Matt Contois. In the jigging competition the winners were: in the 9yrs old and under competition, Aidan Wrigley, in the 10-13 yrs old category, Sara Lambert and in the open championship category, Ryan Richard.

For the Rendez-vous des chefs, Festival du Voyageur's official pea soup competition, visitors could taste four different pea soups cooked by four different Winnipeg restaurants. Garage Café claimed the 2011 Best Pea Soup title as voted by the tasters.

Now in its fourth edition, the Voyageur Snow Sculpture Contest – The Next Generation welcomed numerous talented teams from Manitoba and the United States. The sculpture "Take off, eh!" created by Winnipeggers won the first prize and will see its sculptors represent Manitoba in the Snow Sculpture Symposium presented by Air Canada at the 43rd Festival du Voyageur.

The Fort Gibraltar beer can Peel and Win grand prize, a trip for two to Churchill courtesy of Calm Air and North Star Tours, was won by Gavin Menzies. The winner of the Fill & Win contest is Meghan Furst. The lucky winner of a trip anywhere Air Canada flies in the world was Eyal Kraut. Thank you to everyone who took the time to fill out our survey at the 233-ALLÔ Info Centre.

Congratulations to all the winners and we hope to see you next year for the 43rd Festival du Voyageur from February 17th to 26th, 2012.

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