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## **CELEBRATING TEN YEARS OF HISTORICAL INTERPRETATION AT FORT GIBRALTAR!**

**SAINT-BONIFACE, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015** –Fort Gibraltar is officially re-opening its doors to the public today, thus launching the tenth consecutive season of its summer historical interpretive centre. Guided tours will be offered until August 30<sup>th</sup>. Tourists will have the opportunity to immerse themselves through history to get acquainted with the bygone times of the Red River Colony.

### **STEP BACK IN TIME WITH OUR INTERPRETERS**

Travel back in time to the year 1815, to the fur trade era and meet the colourful characters who lived in and around Fort Gibraltar. The bilingual and animated interpreters will explore with you the blacksmith shop, the trading post, the workshop, the campfire, the warehouse and the winterers' cabin, where you will learn about the daily chores, traditions and hobbies of the inhabitants of Fort Gibraltar as well as the bitter rivalry between the two fur trading giants; the Northwest and Hudson's Bay companies.

### **BECOME A VOYAGEUR APPRENTICE THIS SUMMER!**

Fort Gibraltar will offer, for the very first time, Voyageur Apprenticeship Workshops during the summer season! There will be a series of workshops and demonstrations designed to showcase the arts and crafts practiced by our ancestors. More information will be announced in the next few weeks. Stay tuned!

### **EXPLORE THE FORT WITH YOUR STUDENTS**

From May 19 to June 26, 2015, Fort Gibraltar offers educational historical tours as part of Festival du Voyageur's summer school program. These tours can be booked Monday to Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The experienced interpreters are ready to adapt the tours to the participants' ages and can accommodate groups from Kindergarten to Grade 12. Please note that **Fort Gibraltar remains open to the public during the school program hours**. To book a tour or for more information, visit [www.fortgibraltar.com](http://www.fortgibraltar.com), send us an e-mail at [info@heho.ca](mailto:info@heho.ca) or call us at 204-237-7692.

### **FORT GIBRALTAR: FREE FOR ONE DAY ONLY**

Fort Gibraltar will once again take part in *Doors Open Winnipeg*, when 80 historic sites across Winnipeg open their doors to the public. For the occasion, Fort Gibraltar will be open to the public Sunday, May 31 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission will be free. Do not miss this chance to discover one of Winnipeg's hidden gems! For more information about the event, visit [www.doorsopenwinnipeg.ca](http://www.doorsopenwinnipeg.ca)

For more information regarding admission, hours of operation and summer programming at Fort Gibraltar, please visit our website at [www.fortgibraltar.com](http://www.fortgibraltar.com). If you would like to keep up to date with the news regarding our interpretive center please subscribe to Festival du Voyageur's [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) or [Instagram](#) accounts.

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#### **About Fort Gibraltar:**

*Originally built at the forks of the Red and Assiniboine rivers in 1810, Fort Gibraltar was a North West Company fur trade post erected to control the region's pemmican traffic. Festival du Voyageur Inc. built the existing fort in Saint-Boniface on the bank of the Red River, in 1978.*