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## **ANOTHER SUMMER, ANOTHER STORY TO BE TOLD AT FORT GIBRALTAR**

**SAINT-BONIFACE, May 16, 2016** – Fort Gibraltar is officially re-opening its doors to the public today, thus launching the eleventh consecutive season of its summer historical interpretive centre. Guided tours will be offered until August 28. Tourists will have the opportunity to immerse themselves in history and become acquainted with the bygone times of the Red River Colony.

### **TRAVEL BACK IN TIME WITH THE 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 lively, bilingual interpreters will help you discover 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.

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

From May 16 to June 24, 2016, Fort Gibraltar offers educational historical tours as part of Festival du Voyageur's summer school program presented by **MTS**. These tours can be booked Monday to Friday from 9 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 29 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)

### **A RECREATION OF FORT GIBRALTAR IN LEGO!**

The official Festival du Voyageur photographer, Dan Harper, has **reconstructed Fort Gibraltar in LEGO** in order for it to be used as a visual tool at the historical interpretation centre this summer! This project was immense as more than 6,340 individual pieces were strategically placed, \$2,000 was invested and over 2.5 months were dedicated towards this masterpiece. The general public is invited to check out the [LEGO Fort](#) at **Fort Gibraltar** during [Doors Open Winnipeg, Le Grand Régal Cajun](#) as well as on Canada Day.

### **A CAJUN CRAWFISH BOIL AT FORT GIBRALTAR**

Festival du Voyageur is proud to present a brand **new fundraising event** for its' **Francfonds fund**. Le Grand Régal Cajun will be held on **June 23 at Fort Gibraltar** (866 Saint-Joseph Street) as of **6 p.m.!** For more information or to purchase tickets, visit our [website!](#)

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.

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

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