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IN PREPARATION FOR FESTIVAL

ST.BONIFACE, JANUARY 18th, 2011 – There is only one month to go before the Festival du Voyageur and our staff is working hard to make the 42nd edition of this event a memorable one! Here's a taste of some of the events we've been working on in anticipation of our programming launch on February 3rd.

THEME NIGHTS AT THE VOYAGEUR TRADING POST

Several special events will take place at the Voyageur Trading Post (Centre Culturel Franco-Manitobain) throughout the festival. On Sunday, February 20, 2011, attend a unique *unplugged* concert featuring Winnipeg's own **Nadia Gaudet** and Juno nominee **Yann Perreau**. Tickets will be available for \$20 at the festival office starting January 24th. Songwriter **Raphaël Freynet** will release his new album "Le monde à voir" on Wednesday, February 23, 2011. The same evening will also mark the comeback of **Comedy Night** at Festival du Voyageur with comedians **Michel Roy** and **Derek Séguin**. Tickets for the Comedy Night and the CD Release will be available at the door.

GROUP PACKAGES

The Pambian Trading Post, a tent reserved for groups of 10 or more, offers a unique experience at the Festival du Voyageur. The basic package includes a day pass for Voyageur Park and a reserved seat in the tent which includes an exclusive performance. The package can also be enhanced to include a meal, a voyageur sash and a 10-day pass. **Alain François**, **Genticorum** and others will be amongst the artists performing at the venue. Reward your employees or get together with a group of friends or colleagues!

BAL DU GOUVERNEUR PRESENTED BY LIQUOR MARTS

Tickets are now available for Festival du Voyageur's most prestigious evening taking place February 19th at the Fairmont Hotel. Reserve your table now by calling Festival du Voyageur's office at 237-7692. Many surprises await you!

REGISTRATIONS ACCEPTED

We are still accepting registrations for various contests held during the festival. The **Fiddling & Jigging Contest** presented by Pepsi is celebrating its 40th edition and is seeking contestants of all ages. The **Beard Growing Contest** is still accepting bearded participants for the Voyageur (wild and wooly) and Novelty (groomed mustache and/or beard) categories. The **Pea Soup Competition** is accepting applications from restaurants to participate in an event that seeks to find Winnipeg's best pea soup as voted by the public. The **Mascot Challenge** is also looking for mascots ready to take on the challenge. For more information or to register, please visit the website at www.festivalvoyageur.mb.ca or by phone at (204) 237-7692.

VOYAGEUR BUTTONS AND DAY PASSES ON SALE STARTING JAN.24th

Avoid line-ups during the festival and buy your pass early! The Voyageur Button (10-day pass) will be on sale for \$22 for adults and \$5 for children (17 and under) while the adult daily passes are \$13. Buttons and passes will be available starting next Monday, January 24th at our office located at 233 Provencher Blvd. Please note that all passes will also be on sale soon at Safeway and Giant Tiger stores near you.

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are an essential part of Festival du Voyageur's success. Bilingualism is preferred but not required to volunteer at Festival du Voyageur. To register, please complete the Volunteer Registration Form on our website.

For more information, visit our website at www.festivalvoyageur.mb.ca .

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