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### A FESTIVE SECOND WEEKEND AT FESTIVAL DU VOYAGEUR

**SAINT-BONIFACE, February 18, 2016** – Festival du Voyageur’s first week was all about romance, gastronomy, history and voyageur fun, and the second weekend will not cease to amaze you. From **Thursday, February 18 to Sunday, February 21** enjoy great shows, delicious food and new entertaining activities at Voyageur Park as well as in our many official festival sites across the city.

#### A NIGHT BY AND FOR YOUTH AT FESTIVAL

This Thursday, February 18, Festival du Voyageur, in collaboration with **Conseil jeunesse provincial (CJP)** offers a complete evening of programming. This year marks the 21<sup>st</sup> edition of this evening “by youth and for youth” at Voyageur Park. This night will feature bands such as **French Press, Rayannah, and Moses Mayes**, to name a few. Also held on February 18, Voyageur Park will host the **2016 Chicane Électrique** for the very first time - a music competition for local francophone emerging artists presented by **Le 100 Nons and the CJP**. The competition will be held in the **Caisse Financial Group Sugar Shack** from 7 p.m. to 11p.m. Voyageur Park will be open to the public from 6 p.m. to 12 p.m.

#### A FLURRY OF ACTIVITIES IN VOYAGEUR PARK

This weekend, festivalgoers can enjoy a variety of activities and musical acts at Voyageur Park. The **Kids playground**, the **Indigenous Winter Trading Camp**, **maple taffy and caribou** tasting are but a few of the popular activities that will be back again this weekend. On the musical end of things, musicians from here and abroad will have visitors singing and dancing, including **Vishtèn, Còig, Cécile Doo-Kingué, Attica Riots, The Lytics and The Treble** to name a few.

For country music fans, there will be a special **QX 104 Night** in the Investors Group Pembina Tent on Saturday where **Aaron Starr, Kendra Kay and David James** will perform.

There will also be special events at Voyageur Park this weekend! Come check out the **Mascot Challenge presented by One Insurance** on Saturday which will begin at 3 p.m. in front of the Fort Gibraltar walls and will feature over 10 mascots! Also on Saturday, the Market Days will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Université de Saint-Boniface Portage Tent. In this same tent festival-goers will be able to play games at **the Board Game Night** presented by **Across the Board Game Café** on Friday starting at 8 p.m., as well as **Karaoke Night** on Saturday which will also begin at 8 p.m.

Also in Voyageur Park, Superior Propane Maison Chaboillez, the **Taverne de la Brigade** will be open from Thursday to Sunday. Finally, the **closing ceremony** will officially mark the end of the 2016 Festival du Voyageur and will take place Sunday at 4:30 p.m. in the MTS Rivière-Rouge Tent.

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## WORKSHOPS, KITCHEN PARTIES AND HISTORICAL INTERPRETATION IN THE FORT

**Fort Gibraltar** will be open to the public during the day Saturday and Sunday offering historical interpretation for visitors. Also, each night in the Winterer's Cabin, come take in our amazing **Kitchen Parties** to party like the voyageurs did with great live music and jigging. At night, visitors will be able to get their dance-on in **Bar Gibraltar** from 9:15 p.m. to midnight on **Friday and Saturday**.

One of the Festival's most popular events, the **Rendez-vous des chefs presented by Manitoba Pulse and Soybean Growers** (Pea Soup Cook-off), will take place once again in Maison du Bourgeois **Sunday as of 1 p.m.** Also on Sunday at **1:30 p.m.**, there will be a must-see demonstration **of historical military tactics** between la Compagnie de La Vérendrye and The Forces of Lord Selkirk in Voyageur Park.

You can also visit the Fort and become a voyageur apprentice! We offer a whole range of **demonstrations** and **workshops**, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Maison du Bourgeois during the entire weekend such as wood carving, brain tanning and Métis beading. For the complete schedule of the **voyageur apprenticeship workshops** and demonstrations, please visit our [website](#).

## AN ABUNDANCE OF SHOWS OFFERED BY THE OFFICIAL SITES

In the heart of St-Boniface, the **Voyageur Trading Post** (Centre culturel franco-manitobain, 340 Provencher Blvd.) is renowned for its great special events during the second weekend of Festival du Voyageur. Tonight, Festival offers **Cajun Night**, a special night featuring **Johnny Cajun and Granger-Dugas!** Friday, the beards will be front and center during the 34<sup>th</sup> **Beard Growing Contest**, which will begin at 7:30 p.m. The general public is also invited to the unveiling of the **new Official Voyageurs** as well as the **Honorary Capot** presentation on the **Community Night presented by La Liberté**, on Saturday, February 20. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Finally, talented jigging and fiddle enthusiasts will compete in the **Jigging and Fiddling Contests** which will take place on Saturday and Sunday respectively.

Visit **Le Garage, l'Auberge du violon, The Wood, Club St-B, Relais des pionniers, Mon Ami Louis and The Marion Hotel** where they will be welcoming visitors for the rest of the Festival. The complete schedule of our official sites is available at [www.heho.ca](http://www.heho.ca).

The **10-day Voyageur passes** are currently on sale for \$32 for adults, \$16 for youth (13-17 years old) and \$11 for children from the ages of 5 to 12 years old. The **day passes** are also available for the cost of \$18 for adults, \$11 for youth and \$9 for children 5-12. The passes are sold at all **Safeway locations in Winnipeg**, at **233- ALLÔ** as well as at [heho.ca](http://heho.ca).

For additional information on Festival du Voyageur, visit our website at [heho.ca](http://heho.ca), call 233-ALLÔ (2556), or pick up a copy of the official program available at Liquor Mart stores in Winnipeg. For all the latest news, download [our mobile app](#), like our [Facebook page](#) or follow our [Twitter account](#).

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