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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 21st 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 2nd 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 34th **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.

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.

For additional information on Festival du Voyageur, visit our website at 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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