

THE HISTORICAL INTERPRETATION CENTRE IS NOW OPEN FOR THE SUMMER

ST. BONIFACE, MAY 24th 2011 – Fort Gibraltar's interpretation center is now open to the public and will remain so until September 4th for its 2011 bilingual summer interpretive program. Relive Manitoba's history, tradition and culture with a visit to Fort Gibraltar!

MEET NEW CHARACTERS

Let our cast of colourful characters charm you through a guided tour that is sure to take you back to the the beat of 1815. Get acquainted with our new crew and listen in on the gossip between Basil Bélanger the voyageur, Rosilda Laporte the métis woman, Peter Pangram the carpenter and the rest. Throughout the tour, these fascinating individuals will reveal more details about their daily adventures in this place they call home.

DOORS OPEN AT FORT GIBRALTAR

Fort Gibraltar will take part in *Doors Open Winnipeg* for the first time this summer. Through this event, the public will be invited to visit over 70 historic buildings in the city of Winnipeg. For the occasion, admission will be free of charge at Fort Gibraltar on Saturday, May 28th and Sunday, May 29th from 11 am to 5 pm. For more information regarding this event, visit www.doorsopenwinnipeg.ca

NEW HOURS FOR THE SCHOOL PROGRAM

From May 24th to June 30th, Fort Gibraltar will be open from Monday to Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. to accommodate more school groups. This initiative supports the development of Fort Gibraltar's summer school program and offers an option to respond to the growing demand for the Great-West Life School Program during Festival du Voyageur. The Fort will also remain open to the public during this period. Bookings for the school program can be arranged by calling (204) 237-7692.

CANADA DAY AT THE FORT

For the sixth consecutive year, the Fort will commemorate Canada Day with a full day of activities for the whole family. Strolling musicians, skits, craft demonstrations and much more await young and young at heart. Admission will be free for everyone on that day.

A NEW CATERER FOR YEAR-ROUND EVENTS

Since May 1st, Fort Gibraltar is operated by a new caterer, Gibraltar Dining Corporation. From corporate events to weddings or private functions, Fort Gibraltar and Gibraltar Dining Corporation offers a unique setting and exceptional service for your event. For more information, visit www.fortgibraltar.com or contact Gibraltar Dining Corporation at (204) 233-9470.

For more information regarding admission, opening hours and summer programming at Fort Gibraltar, please visit our new website, www.fortgibraltar.com

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Originally built at the forks of the Red and Assiniboine rivers in 1810, Fort Gibraltar was a North West Company pemmican control and fur trading post. The existing Fort was rebuilt in Saint-Boniface on the Red river by the Festival du Voyageur Inc., in 1978.