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## **FEAST LIKE A VOYAGEUR AT LE GRAND RÉGAL 1815!**

**SAINT-BONIFACE, May 23, 2017** – Festival du Voyageur presents the second **annual Grand Régal**, a **fundraising event** for the Festival du Voyageur's **Francofonds fund**. This special event will be held on **June 15 at Fort Gibraltar** (866 Saint-Joseph Street) starting at **6 p.m.**

### **A FEAST FIT FOR A VOYAGEUR**

Inspired by the large feasts that were held on the eve of the voyageurs' long and arduous journeys, **Le Grand Régal 1815** will recreate the camaraderie and celebratory atmosphere of yesteryear. Festival du Voyageur's much loved vibe will be front and center during this unique culinary and cultural experience.

Attendees will have the pleasure of enjoying a meal exclusively prepared for the event by **Gibraltar Dining Corporation**. Influenced by the fur trade era, the menu for the feast will feature **roasted pork, vegetarian baked beans, flavoured bannock, succotash, wheat berry salad, roasted potatoes with lemon and herbs, smoked trout and hot vegetables**. For desert: **trifle, sugar pie, apple bannock, rum honey cake and chocolate mousse infused with Big Rock beer**. The meal will be served buffet style and participants will feast together around long communal tables within the fort walls.

### **ACTIVITIES AND INTERACTIVE GAMES**

To reproduce the ambiance of a fort preparing for the departure of its voyageur brigades, **our historical interpreters will bring Fort Gibraltar's cabins to life** and will participate in the festivities! Guests will have an opportunity to further immerse themselves in the fur trade era **by betting on a boxing match between two voyageurs, firing a musket, practicing their hatchet throwing**, hammering nails during a round of the classic **Clou'donc** game or testing their strength with classic **voyageur games** such as **leg wrestling**. There will also be an opportunity for guests to become **honorary voyageurs for the night** by signing a souvenir "engagé" contract and undergoing a **special initiation ceremony hosted by the fort's bourgeois!** Wine fans will be able to gamble for a chance to win a quality bottle of wine while playing the **Vin pour 20\$** game. A **rainbow auction** will be held in the **Maison du Bourgeois** featuring prizes donated by local organisations and businesses. Throughout the evening, musicians will be wandering about and following the dinner there will be a performance by the **Bart House Band**.

### **PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS!**

Tickets to this unique fundraiser are currently on sale for **\$125** (plus GST) and are available online at [heho.ca](http://heho.ca), by calling 204-237-7692 or at the Festival du Voyageur office (233 Provencher blvd). A **\$50 tax receipt** will be provided by **Francofonds Inc.** (118930502RR0001).

This event would not be possible without the generous support of our sponsors **Metro Winnipeg, GNR Camping World, Leclerc Courier, Francofonds** and **Big Rock Brewery**.

For additional information on **Le Grand Régal 1815** visit our website at [heho.ca](http://heho.ca). For all the latest news, like our [Facebook page](#) or follow our [Twitter account](#).

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