

Summer events at the Village Historique Acadien

May 27th - RIVIÈRE-DU-NORD - Several new initiatives will be included in the events and activities this summer at the Village Historique Acadien, for the entertainment of both local people and tourists.

On June 13, the historic site will feature the opening of exhibitions by artists Michel Duguay and Luc Dugas, whose works will be exhibited throughout the summer. On June 27, the summer season will be launched with an event, *Chantons Louis Mailloux*, featuring performances inspired by the musical *Louis Mailloux*.

"*Chantons Louis Mailloux* will be a large-scale show," said Clarence LeBreton, assistant deputy minister of the Department of Tourism and Parks and executive director of the Village Historique Acadien. "It is our way of underscoring the Acadian event of the summer, the show *Louis Mailloux*, which will be presented at Carrefour de la mer in Caraquet, beginning on July 10."

On July 18 the site will hold the official opening of the Nicholas D. Thériault General Store. During the season, visitors will have the chance to see the construction of the first Acadian caisse populaire, a reproduction of the one in Petit-Rocher dating to 1944. The traditional Acadian Day breakfasts in August and the agricultural fair in September remain on the schedule.

Once again this year, the Hôtel Château Albert will present two separate dinner theatres in its newly updated decor. Well-known story-teller Dominique Breau will be back to tell stories gathered this winter during his tour of Canada. The group B3 will also be there to take listeners on a musical journey with some new offerings.

Several historical activities will be organized on the site this summer featuring costumed staff including: visits from the storyteller, the parish priest, and the beggar; the arrival of the new schoolteacher; a birth; funerals; a wedding proposal; and the commemoration of the deportation. New activities include a re-enactment of the elections of 1882 and 1917, a visit from a soldier, and the census.

In view of the range of activities, the Village Historique Acadien has introduced a new season ticket called a Privileged Member Card. In addition to unlimited access to the site, the card offers discount coupons to the dinner theatres, the Évangéline Boutique and La Table des Ancêtres restaurant.

Special summer camps for children are also available at the Village Historique Acadien. Parents may register their child or children for one day or five, for a unique experience and an opportunity to discover the Acadian culture.

This year, the season is from June 13 to Oct. 11.

For more information and for a schedule of activities and dinner theatres, call 506-726-2600 or check the calendar on the website.

Open since 1977, the Village Historique Acadien strives to portray the lives of Acadians between 1770 and 1949. More than 40 original buildings are staffed by interpreters in period costume who bring the ancestral customs and traditional trades back to life.

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