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“FESTIVAL DU VOYAGEUR: A LEGACY OF LINGUISTIC AND CULTURAL CONTINUITY” WITH YANNICK FRÉCHETTE AND BREANNE LAVALLÉE-HECKERT

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2025 Kickoff for the Lieutenant-Governor’s Evenings at Government House Series of Free Public Events

Lt.-Gov. Anita R. Neville invites Manitobans to attend the first presentation in 2025 of a series of free public events designed to welcome Manitobans into Government House and showcase outstanding and inspiring Manitobans who, through words and deeds, continually work to make the province better for all.

The February event features Yannick Fréchette, president of Festival du Voyageur, and Breanne Lavallée-Heckert, executive director of Festival du Voyageur. Festival du Voyageur is a francophone non-profit organization founded in 1969, known for its annual winter festival, which began in 1970. Held over 10 days in February, Festival du Voyageur is Western Canada’s largest francophone event, attracting over 75,000 visitors. The festival features music, dance, snow sculpting and visual arts, with a focus on francophone and Indigenous culture. It also includes outdoor activities, historical interpretation and traditional food. Year-round, the organization offers educational programs including at Fort Gibraltar, a historic site that brings the fur trade era to life.

The event will be held Tuesday, Feb. 11 at Government House. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Program begins at 7 p.m. Parking is available on both sides of the Government House driveway.

Light refreshments to follow.

Those wishing to attend must register in advance with the Office of the Lieutenant Governor by calling 204-945-2753. Guests may reserve a maximum of two seats per registration.

Please note: large bags and backpacks will not be permitted.

Registration is now open. Seating is limited. There is no cost to attend.

Please consider bringing a non-perishable food item for the Lieutenant Governor's Sharing Hope Initiative.