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Love, Saskatchewan

July 23-25

Part of World Routes Summer Festivals 2010 at Harbourfront Centre

TORONTO, ON (July 7, 2010) – Saskatchewan comes to Toronto in the **Love, Saskatchewan** Festival, a fun, FREE and performance-filled weekend celebrating arts and culture from the Land of the Living Skies.

Part of **Harbourfront Centre's 2010 World Routes Summer Festivals**, this event will explore many of the province's great cultural unifiers, including Rough Rider pride, cowboy culture, and distinct First Nations and Métis artistic forms, all demonstrating the uniqueness of Saskatchewan. This will be a weekend for Toronto to experience some of the most exciting entertainment this great prairie province has to offer in music, theatre, visual arts, literature, comedy and family activities... not to mention some great Saskatchewan food too!

In partnership with the **Saskatchewan Arts Board**, Harbourfront Centre will celebrate this prairie province's creative past, present and future.

"The Arts Board is very excited that Saskatchewan was chosen as the focus of this year's festival," said David Kyle, Executive Director, "we look forward to showcasing and celebrating our province's arts and culture on a national stage."

These two dynamic cultural organizations have joined together to share the sights, sounds and tastes of the Land of the Living Skies outside its provincial borders, and to show Toronto what it is to *Love, Saskatchewan*.

Please join us as we discover the rich cultural context and contributions of Saskatchewan and its impact on the rest of Canada and the globe.

Musical offerings at Love, Saskatchewan include **Skavenjah** (Canada's favourite ska band), **Rah Rah** (iTunes' Best New Canadian Band 2009), **Library Voices** (Regina's eight-member rock collective) and country blues sensation **Little Miss Higgins**.

Audiences can also look forward to a comedy night featuring **Dez Reed** and **General Fools Improv**, as well as an award-winning, one-man play in French, **Rearview**.

Love, Saskatchewan is the only World Routes Festival this summer to include a literary component, **Saskatchewan Stories**, featuring readings by six of Saskatchewan's top authors: **David Carpenter**, **Gail Bowen**, **Sharon Butala**, **Connie Gault**, **Trevor Harriot** and **Randy Lundy**. The family literacy component features Cowgirl Poetry children's poets **Anne Slade** and **Doris Bircham**.

The big idea behind all programming in this year's World Routes Summer Festivals is "globalocal", or global to local, a theme programmed into each festival to bring together rich artistic traditions from around the corner to around the globe!

Full Event Listings by Genre:

MUSIC:

Karrnel

Friday, July 23, 7-8 p.m. & July 25, 1-3 p.m. (Redpath Stage)

Karrnel showcases traditional fiddle styles along with a modern variety of tunes that Karrnel has compiled as well as composed. His music draws from all the various styles he has played – Canadian Old Time, Métis, Ukrainian, Norwegian, Irish, Scottish, Celtic, French Canadian, Cape Breton, bluegrass, jazz, blues, rock, country and classical!

Fisticuffs

Friday, July 23, 8 p.m. (Sirius Stage)

Saskatoon's **Jordan Kurtz** is the former drummer of We Were Lovers, now pursuing his solo singer-songwriter career under the moniker **Fisticuffs**. His award-winning music has been called "post-folk", "garage-folk" and "power-folk", and he now brings it to Harbourfront Centre to promote his latest EP, *The Wheat Weather*.

Wide Mouth Mason

Friday, July 23, 9:30–11 p.m. (Sirius Stage)

One of Canada's most interesting musical exports, this award-winning rock trio represents the heart of a nation built on many different cultures. The group, loved both for their five albums and their incredible live performances, consists of **Safwan Javed** (percussion, vocals), **Earl Pereira** (bass, vocals) and **Shaun Verrault** (vocals, guitar).

Rah Rah

Friday, July 23, 11 p.m. (Brigantine Room)

Regina's pop-rock collective, Rah Rah, is a young, seven-member ensemble who artfully combine sincerity with the absurd. They were crowned Best New Canadian Band and Best New Alternative Band by iTunes in 2009.

Shuyler Jansen & Foam Lake

Saturday, July 24, 2:30 p.m. (Sirius Stage)

Both lyrically and musically, Saskatoon's **Shuyler Jansen** pushes the boundaries of musical genre. He is a throwback to an earlier era of country-folk ballad but with definite influences from rock, pop and psychedelia. He takes the stage with **Foam Lake**, a quartet of brothers who bring together a mixture of the guitar tones of Neil Young and My Bloody Valentine, the driving beat of The Ramones, electronic elements of post punk and new wave with lyrics influenced by the Smiths and Magazine.

Cowboy Poetry with Jack Humeny

Saturday, July 24, 3 p.m., 4-5 p.m. (Brigantine Rm.) & Sunday, July 25, 4 p.m. (Redpath Stage)

Cowboy Poetry is a form of storytelling that focuses on the lifestyle of the cowboy, both historic and modern. It grew from the tradition of ranch workers gathering to sing and tell tall tales

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around the campfire after a long day of work. Eatonia, Saskatchewan's **Jack Humeny** is one of the masters of the art form, mixing song, poetry and humour for an unforgettable entertainment experience.

Jason Plumb & The Willing

Saturday, July 24, 7 p.m. & Sunday, July 25, 3 p.m. (Redpath Stage)

Over the course 20 years, this singer-songwriter has delivered an impressive body of work that continues to be fresh and exciting, as evidenced in his latest creation, *Wide Open Music*. The album is a set of songs connected by love for his home province, while offering up a broad view of what is, and what inhabits Saskatchewan. The album also reveals Plumb as the leader of an exceptionally tight and talented band.

Skavenjah

Saturday, July 24, 8 p.m. (Sirius Stage)

Canada's most beloved ska band has been together for 17 years, **bringing the ska to you since '92!** A solid mix of ska, reggae and soul styles is the trademark of this seven-member group, who just released their sixth full-length album, *One More Night With You (Live)*.

Little Miss Higgins

Saturday, July 24, 9:30-11 p.m. (Sirius Stage)

Based in Nokomis, Saskatchewan, **Little Miss Higgins** is an award-winning country blues guitarist and singer who not only performs her own songs but also traditional blues classics.

Library Voices

Sunday, July 25, 4:30 p.m. (Sirius Stage)

Library Voices, an eight-piece collective from Regina, crafts mature and infectious pop songs with an emphasis on melody and complex vocal harmonies. The richness of six vocalists is accompanied by acoustic and electric guitars, bass, drums and miscellaneous percussion, accordion, organs, medodion/melodica, glockenspiel, various synthesizers (ranging from vintage analog synths to hand crafted circuit bent keyboards), pianos, ebow, cello, and horns.

BERTradio featuring Jack Humeny

Friday, July 23, 6-10 p.m., Saturday, July 24, 3-7 p.m. & Sunday, July 25, 2-6 p.m. (Brigantine Tent)

BERTradio is for farmers, ranchers and western folk across the Heartland of North America. Designed for the busy lifestyles of this sector, it is informative and entertaining. Listen when you have the time.

LITERARY:

Saskatchewan Stories – Literary Readings

Authors from Saskatchewan present readings from their most recent publications:

Friday, July 23, 7:30 p.m. & Saturday, July 24, 2 p.m. (Lakeside Terrace)

David Carpenter, *A Hunter's Confession*

Personal stories of hunting weave together with a historical look at the pastime in this new memoir by Carpenter, who is based in both Saskatoon and Little Bear Lake.

Gail Bowen, *The Brutal Heart*

Gail Bowen's mystery-writing skills continue to thrill in her new work involving murder, politics and the Prairies.

Sharon Butala, *The Girl in Saskatoon*

Award-winning author Sharon Butala shares the true story of a tragic Saskatoon murder in her latest novel.

Connie Gault, *Euphoria: A Novel*

Toronto and Regina inhabit Connie Gault's *Euphoria*, winner of the 2009 Saskatchewan Book Award for Fiction.

Trevor Herriot, *Grass, Sky, Song*

Trevor Herriot draws on 20 years of experience as an observer of nature to reveal the spirit of Saskatchewan through its natural world.

Randy Lundy, *The Gift of the Hawk*

Indigenous poet Randy Lundy explores Aboriginal writing and the images he finds in nature including insects, birds and flowers.

VISUAL ART & CRAFT:

Combine is a group of visual arts installations that bring a new perspective to the cultural production of this prairie province. Curated by **Patrick Macaulay**, it situates the works of 18 artists throughout York Quay Centre. The exhibition's title joins two iconic references – the image of the mighty prairie farming machine and the assemblages first created by Robert Rauschenberg – a hint to where the artists are from and what they are up to.

Selected for their mutual understanding of how the amalgamation of disparate objects and images can create new stories and meanings, participating artists include:

Joi T. Arcand	<i>Here on Future Earth</i> (photo series)
Amalie Atkins	<i>Three Minute Miracle</i> (film)
Tyler Brett	<i>Odyssey Panorama</i> (drawing)
Bruce Montcombroux	<i>Camper Boat</i> and <i>Modal Ski</i> (mixed media)
Clint Neufeld	(ceramic sculpture)
Alison Norlen	<i>glimmer</i> (mixed media)
Stacia Verigin	<i>Entireland (detail)</i> (mixed media)
Paul Atkins & Ian Campbell	<i>Vacation Suit (stills)</i> (video)
Wally Dion	<i>Shield Wall</i> (mixed media)
Clark Ferguson	<i>Dead Meat</i> (video)
Robert Froese	<i>Platter and Bowl Selection</i> (ceramic)
Erin Gee	<i>Feedback</i> (video)
Michelle LaVallee	<i>Final Proof</i> (mixed media)
Nancy Lowry	<i>Landmarks</i> (painting)
Julie Oh	<i>Paper Route</i> (digital print)
Tyler Brett & Serena McCarroll	<i>All Citizens</i> (mixed media)
Lee Henderson	<i>Bowing to Every Buddha</i> (photo series)

TACK, the concurrent exhibition, is curated by **Melanie Egan** and shines a light on aspects of traditional cowboy culture and celebrates the skills and artistry of this beautiful handwork not necessarily seen within mainstream craft.

Featured:

Inez Bennett (Grenville, SK)

Nick Demchenko (Maple Creek, SK)

Linda Kerr (Yorkton, SK)

Guy Murphy (Maple Creek, SK)

William (Bill) F. Wilm (St. Brieux, SK)

Crocheted Saddle Pad

Quirt (a riding whip made of hitched horsehair)

Crocheted Saddle Pad

Braided Bosal (a halter made of rawhide)

Saddlery (assorted bits, spurs, straps, stirrups, etc.)

Combine and TACK exhibitions are supported by the Saskatchewan Arts Board.

COMEDY:

General Fools Improv Workshop

Saturday, July 24, 4:15-6:30 p.m. (Studio Theatre)

General Fools Improvisational Theatre has been providing Regina and Southern Saskatchewan with improv theatre for 12 seasons, as well as performing extensively across Canada and parts of the U.S. for almost 100,000 audience members. The General Fools are: **Rob Appleby, Mike Fly, Tatiana Maslany, Amy Matysio, Jayden Pfeifer, Steve Torgerson** and **Michal Grajewski**.

Dez Reed & General Fools Improv

Saturday, July 24, 11 p.m.-1 a.m. (Lakeside Terrace)

Saskatoon-based stand-up comedian **Dez Reed** has opened for the likes of Paul Anka, Steven Wright, Sam Kinison, Jim Carrey, Adam Sandler, Emo Philips and many more. He has been seen all over North America and the world, performing over 2,000 live shows at such famous comedy clubs as Stand Up New York and The Comic Strip in NYC. He has appeared on The Comedy Network, CBC, FOX and NBC and continues to tour the world, volunteering his time to entertain NATO troops.

THEATRE:

Rearview

Saturday, July 24, 8 p.m. & Sunday, July 25, 3 p.m. (Studio Theatre)

Written by and starring **Gilles Poulin-Denis**, directed by **Philippe Lambert** and produced by Saskatoon's French language theatre, **La Troupe du Jour**, this one-man show is a road story about a man on the edge. When a young man finds himself stranded on an Ontario highway, he begins "looking back" to reflect on his troubled past.

FOOD:

Sioux Chef Catering Culinary Demo

Saturday, July 24, 6:30-7:30 p.m. (Lakeside Terrace)

Chef **Dicke Yuzicapi**, owner/operator of **The Sioux Chef Catering Company**, prepares gourmet Aboriginal cuisine with a modern twist!

Sous Chef Restaurant Culinary Demo

Saturday, July 24, 4:30-5:30 p.m. & Sunday, July 25, 4-5 p.m. (Lakeside Terrace)

Chef **Beemal Vasani** is the owner of Saskatoon's three **Sous Chef** locations, offering catering, cooking classes, gourmet ingredients and take-out meals for busy lives. Focusing on fresh ingredients with no preservatives at the finest quality, he brings his famous meal solutions to share with Toronto!

Food Panel with Janice Cousyn & Melanie Boldt of Souleio

Sunday, July 25, 2-3 p.m.

A short talk about the business philosophies of **Souleio Foods**, a specialty store based in Saskatoon which specializes in foods that are fresh, sustainable, organic, local and unique. Souleio (sun in old Provençale) nurtures the connection between good food and quality of life by creating sustainable links between the farm and the dinner table. The discussion will be accompanied by bite-sized samples of Saskatchewan food.

FAMILY:

Saskatchewan Pony Rides

Saturday, July 24, 2-6 p.m. & Sunday, July 25, 2-5 p.m. (Ann Tindall Lawn) - \$2

Every kid loves animals – come and experience live ponies in celebration of this year's Love, Saskatchewan Festival. Saddle up and use your imagination to become a rancher or cowgirl!

Cowgirl Poetry

Saturday, July 24, 2:30-3 p.m. & 3:30-4 p.m. (Brigantine Room)

Anne Slade and **Doris Bircham** both ranch with their families in the Cypress Hills of Saskatchewan. They have also co-authored three books of poetry for children (among other award-winning works). Performing both individually and as a team, they present workshops and readings at schools, cowboy poetry gatherings and special events across Canada and the U.S.

For additional information and complete event listings, the public may visit harbourfrontcentre.com/worldroutes or call the Information Hotline at **416-973-4000**. Harbourfront Centre is located at 235 Queens Quay West, Toronto.

ABOUT WORLD ROUTES SUMMER FESTIVALS

World Routes is Harbourfront Centre's annual summer series of FREE festivals running every weekend from Canada Day through Labour Day. World Routes explores ideas in contemporary culture, bringing together rich, artistic traditions from around the globe. For summer 2010, Harbourfront Centre explores the idea of "globalocal" (global to local and local to global) with a festival line-up promising to entertain, stimulate and provoke.

ABOUT HARBOURFRONT CENTRE

Harbourfront Centre is an innovative, non-profit cultural organization which provides internationally renowned programming in the arts, culture, education and recreation, all within a collection of distinctive venues on the 10-acre site it operates in the heart of Toronto's downtown waterfront.

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