

Manitoba Culture Days Newsletter / July 26, 2010

## Manitoba Update

Have you checked out the Culture Days [celebration schedule for Manitoba](#) lately? Below you'll find links and updates on how things are coming together for Culture Days in Manitoba's towns and cities. [Winnipeg](#) has some fantastic activities planned, as do [Flin Flon, Brandon](#) and [Portage la Prairie](#).

New Culture Days activities for Manitoba are being registered often and we expect to see activities posted in Gimri and Saint Eustache in the coming weeks. There will be lots of opportunity to explore the arts and cultural scene en français in Saint Boniface with activities in the works for the Maison des artistes, the Saint Boniface Museum, The Franco-Manitoban Cultural Centre and more!

Keep checking the website for updates and remember [it's not too late to consider organizing your own Culture Days activity!](#)

## Big City Sizzle

Come Culture Days, Winnipeg will be ready to show us why it was awarded Cultural Capital of Canada this year! Wonderfully creative activities are planned for the community's Culture Days celebration including [interactive art-making experiences at the cre8ery](#), Manitoba Crafts Museum and Library's [Crafternoon](#) event, a celebration of independent theatre with [playwright readings at FemFest 2010](#) and the CITY STORIES [mobile story exchange project](#) to name just a few.

Existing events and festivals are tying into Culture Days, too. Thin Air, Winnipeg's International Writer's Festival and its francophone component Foyer des écrivains will have plenty of free events during the Culture Days weekend. Prairie Theatre Exchange is moving Winnipeg's largest celebration of new plays to September and the full three-day schedule of free play readings, backstage tours and acting workshops will be added to the Culture Days Celebration Schedule very soon.

The first edition of [Winnipeg's Nuit Blanche](#) celebrations is being launched during the Culture Days weekend in Manitoba – don't miss this all-night celebration of the arts on Saturday, September 25!

## Brandon Joins the Party!

September 25 is shaping up to be a blow-out celebration of arts and culture in Brandon! The Art Gallery of Southwestern Manitoba invites daytime visitors to contribute to a [graffiti mural](#), a collective needlepoint project and to join in the fun of [making a comic book!](#) At 7pm it will be time to head down to 10th Street for performances, artist talks and other hands-on activities. Keep watching the website as new information is added to the Culture Days Celebration Schedule for Brandon.

## Arts and Culture Northern Style

Culture Days in Flin Flon will have something for everyone from [hip hop](#) to [animation](#) to quilting, from [concerts](#) to modern visual arts to traditional birchbark-biting displays and plenty of opportunity to meet and mingle with professional artists. Heritage figures will roam the towns to share their stories with passersby and the [Gala Café](#) in Flin Flon will have entertainment every evening in an elegant setting.

The Flin Flon Arts Council and its many partners have been very active in organizing Culture Days activities. Check out this [blog post from Crystal Kolt](#) reflecting on how they're creating such a vibrant Culture Days celebration for Flin Flon.

## Portage la Prairie

In Portage la Prairie, be sure to check out the [War Brides exhibition at Portage & District Arts Centre](#) – this exhibition of paintings and multimedia installations from Calgary artist Bev Tosh depicts the experience of young women from around the world meeting and marrying their husbands during World War II, including Tosh's own mother. The [War Brides exhibition](#) has been making its way across the country since 2006.

## Manitoba's Culture Days Project Manager

Manitoba's Culture Days Project Manager Nicole Matiation has been liaising with many other groups across the province about their plans and ideas for Culture Days. There is still time to register a Culture Days activity so be sure to connect with Nicole.

Important note! Plans are underway for a printed bilingual Manitoba Culture Days program guide and other promotional opportunities. Please register on the Culture Days website by August 10 to be included in the Manitoba print program guide. The same deadline applies for inclusion in the francophone and bilingual activity guide.

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Browse through the Culture Days blog for more information on [Culture Days in the Manitoba region](#).

See the full [Culture Days celebration schedule for Manitoba](#).



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