



PRESS RELEASE

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Take part in the Festival Les Arts en Fête from August 26 to 29 at the Barachois Historic Church

The outdoor Festival Les Arts en Fête offers several free activities for the whole family from August 26 to 29 at the Barachois Historic Church. Organized by the Sud-Acadie Cultural Society, this Festival brings together artists and citizens of all ages around a creative event that is ecological, traditional, original and full of creativity! The activities are offered in French but everybody is welcome to discover talented artists and appreciate great music.

The Festival kicks off with Passion Percussions, presented by the Barachois Summer Music, on Thursday August 26 at 7 p.m. at the Barachois Historic Church. Percussionists Martin Daigle and Michel Deschênes will explore a series of works for hybrid drums, as well as the premiere of a work by Acadian composer Sasha Léger. An event that is sure to leave your heart and mind racing! Tickets are pay-what-you-can payable at the door but reservations must be made at etemusicalbarachois@gmail.com or 506-380-4055.

On Friday August 27 at 6 p.m., we invite you to the official opening of the Festival on the greenery of the Church and the next activities are all free. You will be able to visit the Mushroom Field and see more than twenty creations of people from the community, as well as those of the 18 children of Beaubassin-est who participated in a workshop with the artist Amber Leger to create a group of Mushrooms. The Friday evening will end with a Drum Workshop at 7 p.m., with percussionist Martin Daigle. And please note that instruments will be provided during the various workshops, so come have fun and experience the different instruments available.

Other great free family activities will be featured throughout the weekend. On Saturday August 28 at 11 a.m., children are invited to the "Le poulet des bois" Story Time with Natasha Pilotte and her puppets. Michel Deschênes offers "Percussions Flyée", an intergenerational percussion workshop, at 1 p.m.; this activity is for the whole family but there will be a maximum of 10 participants. At 3 p.m., the whole family can discover Outdoor Percussion with Bernice Butler, Michel Deschênes, Nokomi Ouellet and Jocelyn Blanchette, and at 7 p.m., there will be a Body Percussion Demonstration with Nokomi Ouellet and Michel Deschênes.

On Sunday August 29, activities start at 11 a.m. with a Music Therapy Workshop for teenagers and adults, with Nokomi Ouellet. At 1 p.m., a maximum of 12 teenagers and adults can participate in an African Percussion Workshop with Chris Mersereau. At 3 p.m., children are invited to the "Le poulet des bois" Story Time with Natasha Pilotte and her puppets.

The winners of the Mushroom Song and Writing Contests will be announced at 4 p.m. Music and writing enthusiasts have until August 27 to submit a song or text about mushrooms. There are some great prizes to be won: 1st prize - \$300, 2nd prize - \$200, 3rd prize - \$100. And the day will end with the Passion Percussions Concert at 7 p.m. For more information on all the activities of the Festival Les Arts en Fête, send an email to info@sudacadie.ca.

And while you're there, take the opportunity to visit the exhibition "In My Closet ... 400 Years of Fashion" in the Barachois Historic Church. This heritage exhibit brings together the work of textile and costume curator, author and researcher Annette White, paintings of fashion designs by Alma Buote, and the works of internationally renowned portrait photographer Danica Sherry. You will also discover the magnificent collection of hooked cushions on the pews of the Church, an international collection that continues to grow. The opening hours of the Barachois Historic Church are Wednesday to Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Do not miss it, you will be pleasantly surprised!

The Sud-Acadie Cultural Society is planning other great activities in September and October as part of the Festival Les Arts en Fête, including the Discovery of Mushrooms at the Cormier-Village Ecoparc. We'll keep you posted!



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