



Mummers Cause Mischief in St. John's! *The 2010 Mummers Festival is Underway.*

November 30th, St. John's, NL- The Mummers Festival is back in St. John's with the largest parade of mummers in the province. This year's parade will take place on December 18 at 2 p.m. starting at Macpherson Elementary School. The fun will continue immediately after the parade with a Mummers Jam and Concert in The Rooms. Please see our website www.mummersfestival.ca for all of our events listings this season!

Coordinator Ryan Davis explained that the Mummers Festival is steeped in history and community involvement. "In 2009, our first year, more than 300 energetic mummers and 200 spectators came out to the Parade. Our workshops generated close to 30 mischievous hobby horses, bringing light to a less common mummering tradition and a lot of horseplay to the Parade. Our focus is on you, the province's diverse public, whose creative and expressive presence makes the Mummers Festival such a success."

Kathleen Parewick thoroughly enjoyed last year's festival. "I think the Mummers' Festival has tapped into the collective, often too quiet, appreciation of what makes this place so special. Don't bother waiting for an invitation. This parade asks that you jump right in - gum rubbers, curtains, pillow-stuffed guts and all!"

Visit www.mummersfestival.ca for more information.

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Background of The Mummers Festival

The Mummers Festival is a participant-driven, not-for-profit, community-based folklife festival that promotes the celebration and free expression of tradition. The Mummers Parade is the Festival's crowning event and it's the province's mummers who make it so memorable.

The Mummers Festival began as a joint initiative with the Intangible Cultural Heritage division of the Heritage Foundation of Newfoundland and Labrador and Memorial University's Department of Folklore. The research-based initiative began in 2009 and included 16 free community events. This year, the Mummers Festival has been organized by a group of enthusiastic volunteers and supporters bringing you a host of exciting and enriching events for people of all ages.

LIST OF 2010 EVENTS:

<p><u>Hobby Horse Workshops</u> <i>Victoria Park Poolhouse</i> Sunday, Dec. 5 1:00-5:00pm Wednesday, Dec. 8 6:00-9:00pm Sunday, Dec. 12 1:00-5:00pm</p> <p><u>Lecture: Mummering Past & Present</u> <i>The Rooms Theatre</i> Wednesday, Dec. 15 7:00-8:00pm</p> <p><u>Film: Mummers and Masks</u> <i>The Rooms Theatre</i> Thursday, Dec. 16 2:30-3:30pm</p> <p><u>Talk: "Mummers for Sale"</u> <i>Room ED-4036, Education Building, Memorial University</i> Tuesday, Dec. 7, 12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m.</p>	<p><u>Rig Up</u> <i>MacPherson Elementary School (40 Newtown Road)</i> *Saturday, Dec. 18 1:00-2:00pm</p> <p><u>Mummers Parade</u> <i>MacPherson Elementary School (40 Newtown Road)</i> *Saturday, Dec. 18 2:00-3:00pm</p> <p><u>Mummers Concert & Jam</u> <i>The Rooms</i> *Saturday, Dec. 18 3:00-5:00pm</p> <p>*If weather is REALLY bad, Parade Events will be held on Sunday, Dec. 19</p>
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Public Service Announcement

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