Old Time Concert Connections on the Baccalieu Trail

HFNL and communities on the Baccaileu Trail team up to produce the Old Time Concert Series

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Heritage Foundation of Newfoundland and Labrador (HFNL) presents Old Time Community Concerts along the Baccalieu Trail. Hosted by the communities of Heart's Content (April 28, 29, 30), Cupids (May 6), and Bay Roberts (May 25). Come join in the fun of a traditional concert, hear some music, and laugh the evening away!

Since last fall, HFNL has been working with community groups along the Baccalieu Trial to document local tradition bearers, and collect memories about concerts, traditional music, skits, recitations, drills and times. The foundation then looked around to set up a folklore project they could use to promote living traditions in their communities.

"When we held a public meeting in Cupids to talk about traditions in the region, old time concerts went right to the top of the list," says provincial folklorist Dale Jarvis. "We wanted to help communities create something that would revitalize this tradition. So the idea of coordinating a festival of Old Time Community Concerts was born."

The concert series will take place through April and May month in three towns: Heart's Content, Cupids, and Bay Roberts. The local events are organized by the Mizzen Heritage Society, Cupids Legacy Centre, and Bay Roberts Cultural Foundation. The concerts cost \$7.00 per person.

"The funds raised will stay in the communities, and help support future heritage projects," says Jarvis. "It is a great way of using local tradition to support the future of heritage organizations."

The first concert of the series takes place in Heart's Content on April 28.

If you would like more information please visit <u>www.oldtimeconcerts.ca</u> or call Mel at 1-888-739-1892 ext. 3.

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