

## Press Release



### Article Headline

Manitoba 150 Continues in 2021

### Teaser

As Manitoba 150 continues in 2021, there are still many reasons to celebrate our province's people, beauty, history, and culture

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So many reasons to celebrate Manitoba 150!

### Article Body

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As Manitoba reflects on 150 years as a province and looks forward to a new year, it is an opportunity to come together in spirit, to share stories, and to build even stronger connections to each other and the land. Our anniversary continues to inspire us to explore our past and leave legacies for the future.

“Like all Manitobans, we are focused on the critical health and economic issues facing our province and country, and understand the need for restrictions. And yet, even without large gatherings of people, there are still so many ways to recognize and acknowledge how lucky we are to be Manitoban,” said Monique LaCoste and Stuart Murray, Co-Chairs of Manitoba 150.

Manitoba 150 provides so many reasons to celebrate in 2021 that align with keeping the people of Manitoba safe. Still to come are programs like *Honour 150*, which recognizes our amazing people, *Mural 150* and *Explore 150*, which profile our province's beauty, and *Celebrate 150*, which encourages people to learn about our province's rich history and culture. In addition, we will announce the *Build 150* projects, which demonstrate the value of investing in our communities and *Unite 150*, which allows Manitobans to celebrate our rich musical contributions under our gorgeous prairie sky. Additional programs that celebrate our francophone and Indigenous roots are still to be announced.

“Celebrate means so much more than simple revelry. It is an expression of amazement, wonder, and appreciation. Manitoba 150 encourages Manitobans to be proud of who we are, to stand in awe of our province's beauty, to appreciate the culture that surrounds us, and to respect our past and how it has created this unique experience of being Manitoban,” continued LaCoste and Murray.

“In the midst of this pandemic Manitobans have faced unprecedented challenges but even during these challenging times we have joined together to support each other, as we have done throughout our history. As we look to the future with hope and optimism, let's continue to celebrate all that is great about our beautiful province,” said Cathy Cox, Minister of Sport, Culture and Heritage.

As we approach Louis Riel Day, it's a reminder of all the things that make Manitoba great, including being the only province to join Canada under Indigenous leadership. To foster a more profound connection with our province's diverse roots, including Francophone and Métis influences and contributions, and with support from the Réseau Compassion Network, Le Musée de Saint-Boniface Museum (MSBM) is offering free admission to individuals and families throughout 2021, starting Tuesday, February 16. Until then, MSBM has plans for a

virtual celebration of Louis Riel Day on February 15. MSBM is home to the world’s largest collection of Louis Riel artifacts and is located inside Winnipeg’s oldest building – the largest oak log structure in North America.

“We’re delighted to be ready to welcome visitors from across the province next week, starting Tuesday, February 16. MSBM encourages people to visit safely throughout the year and learn about our community’s existing heritage treasures, celebrate the context, the people, the communities and events that shaped the province we know and love today, and experience the museum’s charm,” said Vania Gagnon, Director, Le Musée de Saint-Boniface Museum.

MSBM will also provide free outdoor programming after May long weekend and until Labour Day, with walking tours to the Cathedral, cemetery, and portions of the river walkway, costumed heritage ambassadors, and a quaint snack shack on site. Weekends will feature guest artists or artisans. The addition of vibrant stops and activities to the Winnipeg/Taché Loop is a fitting way to celebrate Manitoba’s 150th.

“There are so many incredible people and stories worth learning about in St. Boniface,” says Réseau Compassion Network CEO Daniel Lussier. “Our organization is the legacy of the Grey Nuns, who are prominently featured in the museum’s galleries. Their values of love, compassion, and hope continue to inspire our health and social services agencies today. We invite all Manitobans to visit the Museum, virtually or in person, to learn about these pioneering women and all those who built the wonderful province we call home.”

We encourage you to discover your Manitoba all over again and find a new reason to fall in love with our amazing province.

Manitoba 150 offers many reasons to celebrate, with announcements coming on people we *Honour* for their contributions, projects that we *Build* for communities, music that will *Unite* us, *Mural* artwork to inspire us, art on *Tour*, and additional programs that celebrate our francophone roots, encourage and facilitate reconciliation, and so much more!

We remain strong and proud, in celebration of our rich roots. Manitoba 150 exists to shine a light on all that makes Manitoba amazing and unique – our beauty, people, cultures, and history.

### Quick Facts

Manitoba 150 continues in 2021, with many reasons to celebrate our province.

Celebrate 150 initiatives will continue across the province, as soon as restrictions allow, including free access for individuals and families all year long at Le Musée de Saint-Boniface Museum (as of February 16).

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More announcements coming soon from Manitoba 150.

## About the Manitoba 150 Host Committee

In 1870, Manitoba became Canada's fifth province – the only to enter Confederation under Indigenous leadership. The Manitoba 150 Host Committee Inc. (Manitoba 150) is an independent, not-for-profit organization facilitating and supporting commemorative activities for our province's 150th anniversary.

This is a time to be proud of who we are as Manitobans, to be in awe of our province's beauty, to appreciate the cultures that surround us, and to respect our past and how it has created this unique experience of being Manitoban.

We hope that all Manitobans will continue to discover our beauty, meet our people, experience our cultures, and explore our history well beyond Manitoba 150.

Additional information on Manitoba 150 can be found at [www.Manitoba150.com](http://www.Manitoba150.com).

### Associated Links

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| Manitoba 150                      | <a href="https://manitoba150.com">https://manitoba150.com</a> |
| Le Musée de Saint-Boniface Museum | <a href="https://msbm.mb.ca/">https://msbm.mb.ca/</a>         |

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