

# Festival du Voyageur inc.

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## **THE FESTIVAL DU VOYAGEUR HAS A NEW OFFICIAL VOYAGEUR FAMILY**

**Saint-Boniface, December 07, 2007** – The unveiling of the new Official Voyageur family took place yesterday morning in the Maison du Bourgeois, at the Fort Gibraltar. For the years 2008 and 2009, the **Fortier** family from Notre-Dame-de-Lourdes, will be representing the Festival du Voyageur. Denis and his wife Annette, along with their three daughters Stéphanie, Brianne and Janique, will be the Festival's Official Voyageur family.

By accepting their new title, the Official Voyageurs become the ambassadors of the Festival du Voyageur. They are spokespersons and broadcasters of the Festival theme. Their role is to spread the « *joie de vivre* » of the voyageur throughout the year.

The Fortier are all very active in their community. They share a passion for music, theatre, sport, health and volunteering. Denis, the father and now Official Voyageur, has been a family physician in Notre-Dame-de-Lourdes since 1987, Regional Chief of the Regional Health Authority since 2005 and part of many community initiatives. His wife, Annette, spends her spare time staging community theatre plays and educating her daughters on the importance of culture and French language. The three girls, Stéphanie, Brianne and Janique, are blessed with musical talent and are all members, along with their dad, of the group Kadanse. They also put their talent to good use by playing music voluntarily at various community events.

People will be able to meet the new Official Voyageurs by attending various official functions of Festival du Voyageur for the next two years. This year, the winter celebration begins on February 14 and goes on until February 22. At that time, the Family will tour the city and various schools to meet with the community. Be there to shake their hands!

The outgoing Official Voyageurs, the Brunet family, would like to wish the Fortier family all the best in their years to come and wants them to know that they too will feel honored and greatly appreciated as they embark on a two year adventure.

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