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250th Anniversary of the Québec Battles **Brown Basin: the current of history**

Québec City, June 18, 2009 – This morning, in the wake of the commemorations marking the 250th anniversary of the great Québec City battles, Mrs. Louise Germain, the National Battlefields Commission's assistant secretary, launched the Brown Basin summer activities. This highly historic site was a witness, among other things, to General Wolfe's arrival for the Battle of the Plains of Abraham in 1759.

Inaugurated in 2008 to mark the city's 400th anniversary, this remarkable site bordering the St. Lawrence River will welcome visitors to its interpretation centre without charge from next June 24 to September 7. For a second year, the Quebec Port Authority has entrusted the Commission with the task of hosting and interpreting this Canadian Government legacy.

Inside the building, the public will discover four history related thematics:

- **Student Masterworks**, replicas of New France historical objects created by secondary school students;
- The exhibition **Between River and Cliff**, on the development of Brown Basin over the years;
- The multimedia exhibition **Québec 1759-1760, Battlefield Between Two Empires** for the 250th anniversary of the battles, including film and scale model;
- The **Clear the Deck for Action!** activity concerning seafaring life in the 18th century.

Mr. Jean-Pierre Lagueux, the teacher jointly responsible for the project *Reproductions of historical objects* at the Commission scolaire de la Beauce-Etchemin, was on the spot to present the pedagogical activity that generated the **Student Masterworks**. 140 replicas of furniture, clothing and other historical objects from 1608 to 1759 are on display. These brilliant works meticulously created by 175 award-winning students were selected among the remarkable achievements of some 800 secondary level students from five different schools.

During the summer of 2008, over 18,000 visitors crossed the threshold of the interpretation centre, not counting the thousands of people out for a stroll who have already used the footbridge leading to the river to enjoy an exceptional view. A new invitation is now sent off to help you discover our history this summer.

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