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A wind of fear is blowing through the Plains of Abraham

Québec, Thursday October 1st, 2009 – Halloween has returned to haunt the Plains of Abraham and all those who venture on the site from October 1st to 31st. The National Battlefields Commission, in collusion with UNICEF, will maintain security for old and young alike who brave the park in search of spine-chilling activities. Haunted tower, fantastic rally, mysterious decorations, guided lantern tour, mystery period dinner, family day and costume parade will ward off evil spirits and provide heavenly, pleasurable moments.

Decorations at the Joan of Arc Garden

Throughout October

Day or evening, at the Joan of Arc Garden
(corner of Taché and Wilfrid-Laurier)

Free access

In her magnificent fall garden, Joan of Arc plays host to mysterious legendary decorations evocative of the Plains of Abraham history: *the white lady of Cape Diamond, the Sabbath, Halloween lives on, the voices of Joan of Arc, the Corriveau, the widow's walk, the white "Credo 1941" stone, phantoms behind bars*, etc. Several tombstones will remind strollers of the personalities who left their mark on the park.



Haunted Tower and Fantastic Rally

Sundays, October 4, 11 and 18

From 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Martello Tower 2 and Joan of Arc Garden
(corner of Taché and Wilfrid-Laurier)

Cost: \$2/person



Bold youngsters will venture inside the haunted tower and its labyrinth, which is sometimes dark but always amazing. Many surprises, just a little scary, await them: the spatial lab, treasure island, scarecrows and witches, mummy and graveyard... even Harry Potter will join the party! A fantastic rally will then invite the bravest to the Joan of Arc Garden for a self-guided tour in which even five-year-olds will get a chance to ask mini-questions.



Guided Lantern Tour of the Park

October 16, 17, 23, 24, 30 and 31 (in French only)

At 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m., starting off point at 390, de Bernières

Cost: \$12/person (13 years and older), reservations required

Accompanied by *the Corriveau* or officer James Murray, join this captivating interactive walking tour and discover the plains in a more ghoulish light. Formerly a remote area, the plains were shielded from prying eyes, and the perfect spot for crime, prostitution, bloody punishments, even executions. This remarkable tour will uncover the park's gloomiest tales by lantern light: *the Corriveau's* hanging, the widow's walk, the white lady, the enigmatic white stone, the punishments dealt out to soldiers of the Martello towers, thefts, and more.



Council of War at Martello Tower 2

October 16, 17, 22, 23, 24, 29, 30 and 31 (in French only)

7 p.m. at Martello Tower 2 (corner of Taché and Wilfrid-Laurier)

Cost: \$35/18-64 years old, \$32/13-17 years old or 65 and over, reservations required

Become witness and suspect during an 1814 mystery dinner and unmask the traitor hidden among you. Ten participants will be selected to play the parts of Charles-Michel de Salaberry, Laura Secord and other witnesses of this era. Your skills and deductive abilities will be put to use. This council of war, presided over by Captain John Le Breton or Lady Elizabeth Lake, promises to be memorable: period plot, military competition, stories about military life, the diet and work of soldiers in barracks, and interpretation of the Martello Tower, a unique defensive work in Québec.



Family Day and Costume Parade

Sunday October 25

From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Joan of Arc Garden and Martello Tower 2 (corner of Taché and Wilfrid-Laurier)

Cost: \$2/person



At Martello Tower 2, the most daring will roam the haunted tower labyrinth and sample unusual candies. The most resourceful will also get a chance to board the mini-train for a tour of the garden, have fun in the giant period games and inflatable amusements, ogle mysterious decorations, participate in a fantastic rally and run into weird but friendly characters. At the UNICEF booth, youngsters will get a chance to decorate a pumpkin. And parents and children will slip into their most becoming costumes to strut down Grande Allée with princesses, sorcerers and monsters.



The UNICEF Halloween Campaign

Throughout the month of October, children in Québec will prepare for Halloween! They will call on the generosity of the people around them as they organize fund-raising events to help ensure that thousands of children from Malawi and Rwanda can get a good basic education. Through its program Schools for Africa, UNICEF is helping build new schools, repair and restore existing ones, supply drinking water to the schools and ensure that the teaching staff receives adequate training. Catherine Brunet, Québec's UNICEF ambassador, and the charming small Cyclops character called Léon, the new UNICEF Halloween campaign ambassador, are delighted to join forces with this long standing tradition! For additional information on the campaign, visit the site www.trickortreatforunicef.ca.



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 COLLECT DONATIONS FROM FAMILY AND FRIENDS ON LINE AND BE ELIGIBLE FOR A PRIZE VISIT WWW.TRICKORTREATFORUNICEF.CA FOR ALL THE DETAILS.

A great celebration!

On November 20, 2009, the world will be celebrating the 20th anniversary of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC), and will take stock of the progress made towards implementing children's rights world-wide, including in Québec. Numerous activities will mark this 20th anniversary and, for the occasion, Les Éditions La courte échelle have published a book featuring the Léon character so that children can learn about their rights in an

instructive and recreational manner. For additional information on the November 20th activities, visit the site www.unicef.ca/20convention.

Information and reservation



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