

# THE CHAMBERS GANG TRIAL

**The most sought after rascals finally captured!**

QUÉBEC CITY- The Charles Chambers gang, which combined tramps, bandits, highwaymen and murderers, was finally captured to the great relief of Québec City's population. From 1831 through 1835, the reign of terror spread by these criminals turned the city upside down. Active in the outskirts of town, these gangsters would lie low on the Plains of Abraham. The police was proud to have finally collared the thugs and urged citizens, including those who had been robbed, to attend the trial, held the following September 16-17.

For a fourth year, the National Battlefield Commission is pleased to invite the public to attend the Chalmers Gang Trial, an animated, interactive historical presentation set in the exact location where the gangsters were incarcerated. The spectators will be greeted at the Chapelle de la Congrégation where the crime was committed, then led to the Morrin Centre where they will sit in the court room and watch the parade of witnesses and suspects in this infamous case. The audience will be invited to participate in the trial as it did in the old days, and even exchange with the protagonists. Judge, public prosecutor, accused and witnesses will be there, and so will the executioner, who will explain his techniques. You can also tour the dungeons, the authentic place of confinement of the period when the Québec City jail was located within the walls of today's Morrin Centre.



Also known as the "Cap-Rouge Bandits", Charles Chambers and his gang ruled over the city in the early 1830's, a time when its population had increased dramatically from 30,000 to 40,000. Alcohol flowed and violence and crime marred the city. The Plains of Abraham also became

a hiding place where crime and vice were rampant. In 1835, the group was finally arrested and the trial caught the attention of the citizens of the period. Relive this historic saga and discover the fate met by the Chambers gang.

This activity is part of the Festival Celtique de Québec program.

## Chambers Gang Trial

Dates : September 16 and 17, at 7:30 P.M. (In French)

At the Chapelle de la congrégation  
(20, Dauphine Street) and at the Morrin Centre  
(44, chaussée des Écossais)

Duration: approximately 105 minutes

Cost: \$20/person, not recommended for 12 year old and under.

Reservation required, places limited :

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