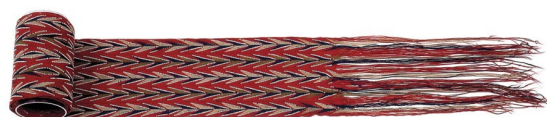


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## **KEY DATES:**

- **MARDI GRAS**
- **MARCHE du NAIN ROUGE (DETROIT, MID-MARCH)**
- **MAPLE SUGARING TIME, LATE WINTER/SPRING**
- **SAINT-JEAN-BAPTISTE DAY (JUNE 24)**
- **FEAST OF SAINT ANNE (JULY 26)**
- **RENDEZVOUS AT THE STRAITS POWWOW (AUG 23-25)**
- **ST. ANNE PARISH, DETROIT, RENDEZVOUS (SEPT 15)**
- **MICHIGAN FRENCH CANADIAN HERITAGE WEEK  
SEPTEMBER 9-15**

### *Event Ideas*

- Demonstration of historical life and skills, guided historical tour
- Exhibits/speakers on regional French Canadian history, folklore, or traditions
- Fundraising event for a conservation club or historical society
- Luncheon including glissants, tourtière, poutine, and other traditional foods
- Performance of French Canadian and Métis folk music
- Storytelling hour at a local library or school, school theme day

### *Signature Event Recommendations (General North American French)*

- Cirque Alfonse "*Timber*" (Lumbering theme circus act)  
<http://www.cirquealfonse.com/en>
- Feufollet, (Contemporary Cajun Music) <http://feufollet.net/>
- Genot Picor (Michigan) musician, storyteller  
[evoyageur@aol.com](mailto:evoyageur@aol.com) <http://genotpacor.com/>
- Le Vent du Nord, (Quebecois Folk Music) <http://www.leventdunord.com/en>
- Le Père Garneau et Les Rats d'Swompe, (Franco-Ontarian Folk group),  
<http://www.peregarneau.com>  
contact: Martin Rocheleau [martin.rocheleau@rci.rogers.com](mailto:martin.rocheleau@rci.rogers.com)
- Stéphane Paquette (Ontario), folk musician, comedian  
[stef@unitz.ca](mailto:stef@unitz.ca)
- Daniel Richer (Ontario) storyteller, raconteur  
<http://www.danielricher.com/ENGLISH.htm>  
<http://www.masconline.ca/en/artists/directory/daniel-richer.aspx>
- Dennis Stroughmatt, Creole Fiddle,  
<http://www.creolefiddle.com/creolefiddle.com/Home.html>

### ***Artisans, Craft Demonstrations, Living History Re-enactors***

- Belletre: French and Indian War French Marines [harryburgess@sbcglobal.net](mailto:harryburgess@sbcglobal.net), <http://belletredetroit.wix.com/belletre>
- LaCroix Company <http://www.riverraisinbattlefield.org/lacroixs2.htm>
- David Rent, Les Compagnies du Détroit, Detroit/Hamtramck Assembly Office 313-972-6566 (no voicemail) ATT Mobile 313-421-3892 Email [david.rent@gm.com](mailto:david.rent@gm.com), <http://www.angelfire.com/mi3/FandIwar/>
- Saginaw Voyageurs, contact Sherri Greene at 989-752-2861, ext. 303 for more information <http://www.castlemuseum.org/voyageurs>
- David Schmid *Into the Past* <http://www.intothepast.net/>
- Charlie Shelton, Lake Saint Clair Metropark, Voyageur Reenactor 586-463-4332 (office), 586-855-7126 (cell)

### ***Musicians, Performers, Storytellers, Writers***

- Nancy Beaudette (Ontario) storyteller <http://nancybeaudette.com/>
- David Bezotte (Upper Peninsula, Michigan), musician [dbezotte@yahoo.com](mailto:dbezotte@yahoo.com)
- Marie Bilodeau (Ontario) storyteller <http://mariebilodeau.blogspot.ca/p/storytelling.html>
- Linda Breitag (Minnesota) musician, traditional French Canadian music [lbreitag@gmail.com](mailto:lbreitag@gmail.com)
- Christopher Chagnon (Michigan) author, *The Dregs of Presque Isle* [christopherjchagnon@aol.com](mailto:christopherjchagnon@aol.com)
- La Compagnie Musical Dance Troupe (Michigan) dance music <http://www.lacompagniemdt.com/>
- Suzanne Desrochers, author *Bride of New France* 416-551-2860, [sue\\_desrochers@yahoo.ca](mailto:sue_desrochers@yahoo.ca)
- Phillippe Gelinas (Quebec) musician <http://www.acmimusique.org/contact/>
- Judith Kukowski (Michigan) storytelling, mythology 23618 Cottrell, Clinton Township, MI 48035 586-741-1544
- Vivian LeMay (Michigan) writer, *The Last Lord of Paradise* [lemay.vivian95@gmail.com](mailto:lemay.vivian95@gmail.com)
- Jeff Lemire (Ontario) graphic novelist, *Essex Country Trilogy* <http://jefflemire.blogspot.fr/>
- Beverly Matherne, writer, poet Northern Michigan University, [bmathern@nmu.edu](mailto:bmathern@nmu.edu)
- Louis Mercier (Ontario) storytelling, music, crafts <http://www.masconline.ca/en/artists/directory/louis-mercier.aspx>
- Abby Paige, performer *When We Were French* <http://abbypaige.com/>
- Robert Paquette (Ontario) musician <http://www.robertpaquette.ca/news.php>

- Marylyn Peringer (Ontario), storyteller  
<http://www.storytellers-conteurs.ca/directory-pages/peringer-marylyn.html>  
applesfromheaven@hotmail.com 416-465-4327
- Prairie Folklore Theatre, *Canoe Song: A Voyageur's Tale* (Minnesota)  
<http://www.prairiefolkloretheater.com/?n=Performances.BlueCanoeSongAVoyagerSTale>
- Dave Rogers (Bay City, Michigan) storyteller  
<http://www.hsmichigan.org/resources/storytellers-speakers-musicians/dave-rogers-michigan-history-tours-and-presentations/>  
dlauncerogers@gmail.com 989-686-5544
- Bob Soulliere, traditional music, Windsor area, 519-966-6400,  
music2@mnsi.net
- Dave Stanaway and Susan Askwith (Michigan, Upper Peninsula) musicians,  
fur trade songs  
<http://borderlandrecords.com/dssa/index.html>
- Natalie Vachon (Ontario) storyteller, artist  
<http://www.nathalievachon.com/>

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- Guillaume Teasdale, University of Windsor (*French and Indians in the Heart of North America*)  
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### ***Film Screenings***

- Black Robe <http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0101465/>
- Chasse-Galerie <http://www.imdb.com/title/tt4896898/>
- Medicine Fiddle <http://www.folkstreams.net/film,178>
- Mon Oncle Antoine
- Reveil: Waking up French <http://www.wakingupfrench.com/>
- The Widow of St. Pierre
- Un rêve américain <https://www.facebook.com/UnReveAmericain>

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