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EMBRACE Truro 2014 welcomes The Halifax Drum Festival

A full day of live entertainment, and plenty of drumming, will highlight the annual EMBRACE Festival slated for Saturday, September 13th in downtown Truro.

The festival is a celebration of Truro's diversity and cultures, and will begin at the Truro Farmers' Market with live performances from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Admission is free. Featured performers will include the Truro Concert Band, ACA-Jam, the Drum Runners, fiddler Julie Johnstone, Truro Belly Dance and more. There will also be activities and exhibits for the entire family.

New this year, The Halifax Drum Festival will be in town for two afternoon drumming workshops, as well as a free Night of Drumming performance at the Marigold Cultural Centre.

Whether you're a fan of traditional or modern drumming or dance, this 7 p.m. performance has got you covered. It will feature some of the finest percussive-based performers in Nova Scotia and will celebrate the cultural diversity of the drum. Featured performers include Laura Selenzi & Daniel MacNeil, HighLife, Mark Currie and Kadijah Photiade.

Tickets for the evening performance are free, but must be picked up in advance at the Marigold Box Office, 605 Prince Street.

Two workshops will be held in the afternoon, also at the Marigold Cultural Centre. At 1:30 p.m., check out an urban bucket Workshop with "Chuck Bucket." Participants will learn the history, required equipment, basic techniques, rhythms and practical application of bucket drumming. At 3 p.m., there will be an African drumming workshop with Chris Kennedy. Explore the mesmerizing rhythms of African drumming. Delve into the rich history and culture of West African music and learn about the construction and sounds of djembe.

Workshop Costs are: \$10.00 per workshop; \$15.00 if you register for two workshops; and a \$25.00 family rate (based on family of four). The workshops are open to people ages 13 and up with all skill levels. Anyone under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. People can register at the Marigold Box Office.

Also, as part of the festival, enjoy free admission to the Colchester Historeum and its “High Schools of Truro” exhibit.

EMBRACE Truro is sponsored by the Town of Truro’s Equity and Diversity Advisory Committee.

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