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Sudbury's traditional French-Canadian celebration will wet your appetite

There will definitely be many a delight to sink your teeth into at this year's St-Jean celebrations, Sudbury's version of the French-Canadian national holiday. The St-Jean's organizing committee is serving up **12 activities over a five day span**. Seasoned with a dash of nostalgia here and a pinch of youthfulness there, this year's St-Jean has a menu designed to please all pallets!

At the heart of this year's festivities, emotions and cheers will rise, when we see, feel and hear a spectacular musical homage to two monumental francophone bands of their age: **CANO** the franco-ontarian megahit and **HARMONIUM** Québec's cult group (if you are not familiar with these bands, ask Tony at Records on Wheels!). The evening will be presented at Laurentian University's Fraser Auditorium, Saturday June 27th at 8 PM and is brought to you by la Slague du Carrefour francophone and La Nuit sur l'étang. For the CANO tribute, **David Poulin**, the show's musical director has put together an amazing array of talent including **Antoine Tremblay-Beaulieu**, **Maurice** et **Chris Berthiaume** (father and son), **Patricia Cano**, **Jacques Grylls**, **Ed Landry**, **Serge Monette** et **Stef Paquette**.

HARMONIUM's powerful and colorful repertoire will be interpreted by **David Poulin** on vocals, **Jacques Grylls** et **Guy Coutu** on guitars, **Maurice Berthiaume** on keyboards, **Stéphane Bernard** on basse et **Dan Veilleux** on drums.

For one brief evening, we'll revel in the laid back coolness of these 70s icons.

Cultivating kid's creativity and Shilvi's show in Shudbury!

This year, la St-Jean's family day will be held at Collège Boréal. The children's *shinging shensation* Shilvi will be in Sudbury. This is a first for this adorable character, who can't yet pronounce her own name, Sylvie. This small girl's charming melodies and sweet ways are sure to charm children and parents alike. Shilvi's show is presented by le Salon du livre du Grand Sudbury, la Slague and le Collège Boréal. For children 2 to 6 years old.

Before we enjoy Shilvi's show, the participants of the 2nd edition of le **Festival de la mauvaise herbe**, the Salon du livre's creative writing festival for kids, will be presenting their original stories and artwork at le Théâtre du Nouvel-Ontario June 28th from 10 am to 1 pm. Kids from the ages of 2 to 18, have already been working over a period of two months on different creative writing projects, where their imagination can run wild and where they can explore different mediums. With the help of 20 professional artists, le Salon du livre offers each group the opportunity to partake in creative writing or artistic workshops in order to create an original literary work and then it's public adaptation.

Funky Field Day

What better way to finish the school year than with a mega outdoor celebration! This day is presented by le Salon du livre du Grand Sudbury, in collaboration with the St-Jean's organizing committee, le Conseil scolaire catholique du Nouvel-Ontario and le Conseil scolaire public du Grand Nord de l'Ontario. 500 students from grades 4 to 6 will participate in this unique field day. Music, artwork, games and laughs guaranteed thanks to the Salon du livre's 20 funky facilitators and the St-Jean's organizing committee. The field day will take place Wednesday June 24th at l'École secondaire Macdonald-Cartier.

Breakfast anyone? How about lunch?

The traditional pancake breakfast will be held at the St-Jean-de-Brébeuf's parish hall Sunday June 21st and will be graciously served by the employees of la Caisse populaire des Voyageurs. La St-Jean's annual luncheon will be held on June 24th and is organized by le Centre de santé communautaire on Froot Street.

A very Canadian tradition

St-Jean celebrations date back to the 19th century in the Nickel City. For the past ten years, more than 20 partners put their noses to the grind stone, roll up their sleeves and carry the torch of this 120 year old tradition. This year's major sponsors are le Collège Boréal and Laurentian University. The St-Jean's organizing committee is composed of : le Carrefour francophone de Sudbury, Salon du livre du Grand Sudbury, ACFO du Grand Sudbury, Centre de santé communautaire de Sudbury, Centre franco-ontarien de folklore, Le Voyageur, Conseil scolaire catholique du Nouvel-Ontario, Conseil scolaire public du Grand Nord de l'Ontario, Collège Boréal, la Slague, Les scouts du district de Sudbury, Service de santé publique de Sudbury, Centre FORA and le Contact interculturel francophone de Sudbury.

Box Office

Tickets for all shows can be purchased at le Théâtre du Nouvel-Ontario, the St-Jean's official **box office**. 525-5606 X 4.

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