Our Annual General Meeting

Annual General Meeting in Edmonton

The CFMS Annual Conference will be held in Edmonton October 21, 22, and 23 at the Provincial Museum of Alberta, 12845 - 102 St. Edmonton.

Register now for this exciting weekend that commences with an informal reception Friday 21st in the Museum Auditorium Lobby, 8-10 p.m.

Meet your hosts and each other, and enjoy music provided by MUDDY YORK from Toronto, a footstomping duo specialising in Canadian material.

Saturday is Workshop Day with a special emphasis on the prairies. Songs from the building of the railway, a workshop on techniques to turn people on to music, a chance to learn to jig and use the French Canadian wooden spoons, enjoy some prairie Tall Tales and sing some prairie songs.

At 4:30 on Saturday delegates will board a bus out to the Multicultural Center in Stony Plain. There will be a happy hour with mulled wine in the settler’s cabin, and a chance to look around the Handicraft shop.

An Alberta French-Canadian meal will be served, followed by a musical tribute to Marius Barbeau in honour of his birth 100 years ago.

The evening will finish with a full-scale Singers Circle, and the bus back to Edmonton at 11 p.m.

SUNDAY is the Annual General Meeting itself, held in the museum lecture room from 9:30 - 2:45.

A concert will be held at 3:00 p.m. in the Auditorium, featuring French-Canadian performer Gilbert Parent.

The sessions are free to CFMS members. Non-members $10. BANQUET tickets $10. Please book ahead as the tickets are limited.

The bus to the Multicultural Center will leave from the Provincial Museum car park. Delegates’ cars may be left there and picked up on the return trip. There will be a small charge for the bus collected at the time.

Two interpreters will be available during the weekend, to help any francophone delegates.

EDMONTON 21, 22, AND 23 OCTOBER 1983

HOST:
SPONSOR:
PLACE:

EDMONTON SINGER'S CIRCLE
PROVINCIAL MUSEUM OF ALBERTA
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12845 - 102ND AVENUE
EDMONTON
PH. 427 - 1730

PROGRAM

DELEGATES WELCOMING RECEPTION AND REGISTRATION
Museum Auditorium Lobby.
Coffee and cake reception, meet hosts and billets
POT POURRI OF CANADIAN TRADITIONAL FOLK MUSIC by MUDDY YORK

MUDDY YORK hail from Toronto and will provide a lively introduction to Canadian traditional music. They use fiddle, Highland small pipes, accordion, mandolin and a variety of other instruments that are guaranteed to get you into the spirit of the conference.

Don’t miss this informal event.

SAT 22 OCT.
WORKSHOP DAY

9:00 - 9:30
REGISTRATION - auditorium lobby

9:30 - 10:30
SONGS OF THE IRON TRAIL

TIM ROGERS and BARRY LUFT from Calgary share some of their research, and songs that illustrate the history of railroading across Canada.

10:30 - 11:00
COFFEE
11:00 - 12:00  DON'T SING JOHNNY, YOU'RE OUT OF TUNE.

ANDREA SPALDING from Edmonton, and LYN LUFT from Calgary, look at why so many people feel inhibited about expressing themselves musically. Andrea demonstrates some of the techniques she uses to break down barriers with elementary school children, and Lyn describes the adult music programs, developed with the Calgary Education Department, where she encourages adults to rediscover the joy of music.

12:00 - 1:15  LUNCH HOUR (a list of restaurants in the area will be in the conference folder)

1:30 - 2:30  LES CUILLERES ET LA GIGUE (SPOONS AND JIGS)

GILBERT PARENT from Sherwood Park demonstrates French Canadian traditional songs and rhythms. This is a participation workshop, a good way to work off your lunch!

2:30 - 3:00  COFFEE

3:00 - 4:00  TALES THAT PRAIRIE FOLK TELL

The oral tradition in the form of storytelling is still alive and well on the prairies. MICHAEL TAFT discusses the oral tradition as found in a typical Saskatchewan kitchen. ANNE ANDERSON tells a Blackfoot story. DAVE SPALDING talks about current tall tales found in Alberta, and creative uses of the tradition.

4:00 - 4:30  PRAIRIE SONGS WORTH SINGING

A rousing 'sing-along' of some of the best (and worst?) of prairie folksongs. Hosted by Jon Bartlett, songs chosen by CFMS board members. Song words will be included in the conference folder.

4:30

6:00 - 8:00

8:00 - 8:45

Board bus out to the Stony Plain Multicultural Centre for a homecooked ethnic dinner.

The Centre's handicraft store will be open from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., and mulled wine will be served in the Settler's Cabin.

DINNER - Alberta style French Canadian

TRIBUTE TO MARIUS BARBEAU born 1883.

BARBEAU was the first Canadian folklorist to precisely document the songs he was collecting. He noted location and date, and the singer's names, and transcribed the tunes in a very precise manner. He concentrated mainly on Indian and French songs, and at the time of his death in 1969, had collected over 13,000 songs and variants.

BARBEAU was instrumental in the forming of the CFMS, and was its president from 1956 - 63.

DONALD DESCHENES and CHARLOTTE CORMIER from New Brunswick present some of the songs collected by Barbeau.

RELAX and take part in an Edmonton style singer's circle. Bring out your instrument, sing a song, tell us a story or recitation, or just hum along. This is YOUR turn!!

11:00 p.m.

Board bus back into Edmonton (Provincial Museum)

SUN 23 OCT.

9:30 - 2:45

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND MUSEUM CONCERT

A.G.M.
Museum Lecture Room

During the day there will be activities in the galleries.

Concert by Gilbert Parent Museum Auditorium