



SPECIAL EVENTS

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SCOTCH & BURNS CELEBRATES 250 BIRTHDAY OF ROBBIE BURNS

SATURDAY JANUARY 24 | 7:00 PM | \$2.50 | *free to Galt annual pass holders & children 0-6*

The Galt Museum & Archives invites those of Scottish *and* non-Scottish ancestry to celebrate the 250 birthday of Scottish poet Robbie Burns on **Saturday, January 24 beginning at 7:00 pm**, when the Lethbridge Highland Dancers and Lethbridge Scottish Country Dance Club, pipers in kilts and others gather to pay tribute to Scotland's favourite son during this year's **Scotch & Burns** event.

Robert Burns [January 25, 1759 – July 21, 1796], also known as "Rabbie Burns", "the Ploughman Poet", "the Bard of Ayrshire" and, in Scotland, as simply "The Bard", was a poet and a lyricist, and is widely regarded and celebrated worldwide as the national poet of Scotland. The Scotch & Burns event at the Galt Museum was initiated in 1998 by a staff member with Scottish ancestry.

Festivities include the Address to a Haggis, singing of favourite Scottish songs, dance performances, and sampling of haggis – obtained through London Road Market and prepared by Henotic Restaurant in Lethbridge. Following these family friendly activities, the 18+ in the crowd will be invited to participate in a Scotch tasting, the likes of which has not been seen at the Galt since 2004 prior to renovations! Six flavours of Scotch will be presented by Alex Currie of PMA Canada and Kyle Baines of Andrew Hilton Wine & Spirits; tasting tickets will be available at the event.

Admission to Scotch & Burns will also include access to the exhibit *Egypt, Gift of the Nile*, scheduled to close the following day.

Upcoming 2009 Galt events to look forward to include **Eggstravaganza** on Saturday, April 11; **Taste of Downtown** on Wednesday, May 6 [part of **Historic Lethbridge Festival** running May 2-9]; a **Feast by the Bridge** on Friday, May 8; **Galt Beer Tasting** on Friday, September 11; Halloween screenings of the **Rocky Horror Picture Show** on Oct 30 and 31, and a **New Year's Eve Gala** on December 31.

For more information, please call Special Events Coordinator Lori Harasem at 403.320-4219, or check www.galtmuseum.com for updates.

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