



Media Release

Lang Pioneer Village Museum
The Corporation of the County of Peterborough



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2018 Event Schedule

**22nd Annual Father's Day
Smoke & Steam Show**
Sunday, June 17

Historic Dominion Day
Sunday, July 1

**22nd Annual Transportation
Day Car & Motorcycle Show**
Sunday, July 15

**Fibrelicious: A Food and
Fibre Arts Festival**
August 10 – 12
Aug 10 – Hastings Fibre Festival
Aug 11 – Food and Fibre Arts
Workshops at Lang Pioneer Village
Aug 12 – Fibrelicious: A Food and
Fibre Arts Celebration at Lang
Pioneer Village

Applefest
Sunday, September 30

Historic All Hallows' Eve
Fri & Sat, October 26 & 27

Christmas by Candlelight
Sat & Sun, December 2 & 3

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The Ballad of D'Arcy McGee Marking the 150th anniversary of the Assassination of Thomas D'Arcy McGee Friday, April 6 ~ 7:00 pm

Lang, ON- Come experience a dramatic tale from Canadian history at Lang Pioneer Village Museum! On April 6th, the 150th anniversary of the assassination of Thomas D'Arcy McGee, Lang Pioneer Village will be presenting **The Ballad of D'Arcy McGee**. Premiering in 2011 at the Village, the Ballad of D'Arcy McGee is the story of the visionary Father of Confederation, Thomas D'Arcy McGee, told through lively narrative, music and song.

Thomas D'Arcy McGee was a poet, politician and people's philosopher whose belief in "a new northern nation" eventually led to the creation of the Dominion of Canada. Seeking to resolve historic hatreds based on race and religion in Canada, D'Arcy McGee addressed local gatherings but was attacked by extremists on all sides. However, his idealism, courage, sense of justice and his desire to create a peaceful and progressive nation prevailed, right up until the night he was assassinated, a few hours after his impassioned speech in Parliament on the night of in April 6, 1868. McGee remains the only Canadian victim of politician assassination at the federal level. But who killed D'Arcy McGee?

Created by author, playwright and actor Mark W. Finnan, The Ballad of D'Arcy McGee is set in a town hall in southern Ontario in 1873 at a time of political crisis and lingering tension in young Canada. Accompanied by gifted local musicians and singers (Glen Caradus, John Hoffman and Michael Ketemer), a visiting speaker, former Peterborough newspaper man James McCarroll (Mark Finnan) is introduced by the Chairwoman of the Ladies Literary Committee Henrietta Huffington (Betty Bennett) to tell the story of McGee's turbulent life and a pivotal chapter in Canadian history that is sure to both inform and entertain.

The performance will be held in the Museum's Glen Alda Church. Don't miss out on this special performance marking the 150th anniversary of McGee's assassination on Friday, April 6th! Doors open at 6:30 pm with the performance beginning at 7:00 pm. Limited seating is available and tickets must be purchased in advance by visiting bitly.com/bdmtickets. Tickets are \$30 per person. Please note that the Church may cause accessibility issues for some individuals. For more information on our upcoming season, please visit www.langpioneervillage.ca

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