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“A Visit with Sir John A. Macdonald”

Sunday afternoon, May 3, 2015 from 2pm to 3pm



2015 is the 150th Anniversary of the construction of Ross Bay Villa, and 2015 is the 200th Anniversary of Sir John A. Macdonald's birth!

It is a great year to celebrate!

HISTORY:

Francis Roscoe of *Ross Bay Villa*, was a Member of Parliament for Victoria from 1874 - 1878. An ardent supporter of B.C. joining Confederation, he resigned his seat in August of 1878. This vacancy made way for Sir John A. Macdonald, Canada's First Prime Minister, to be elected as a Member of Parliament for Victoria in October of 1878.

A TWO-PART EVENT:

PART ONE: An hour-long, musical-theatrical ticketed presentation in *Ross Bay Villa's* garden, under the apple trees, by the *Salon Acting Company* of Kingston, Ontario, as part of their cross-country road trip celebrating our first Prime Minister, in 2015 – on the 200th anniversary of his birth.

Ross Bay Villa: Sunday afternoon, May 3, 2015 from 2pm – 3pm. Tickets \$10 each

PART TWO: After the presentation at *Ross Bay Villa*, the theatre troupe, carrying historic campaign signs, will gather at City Hall's Pandora Street entrance, beside the statue of Sir John A. Macdonald, with special guests, for a public event. The Salon Theatre Group will present two musical numbers about Sir John A. Macdonald. Chris Considine, Victoria lawyer, will speak. He is the Great-grandson of Sir Joseph Pope, private secretary to Sir John A. Macdonald, who accompanied Sir John on his first trip to Victoria in 1886.

City Hall, Pandora Street entrance: Sunday afternoon, May 3, 4pm to 4:45pm. Free Public Event.