

Part One of the afternoon's festivities will take place in the garden of *Ross Bay Villa*, under the apple trees.

The event is part of a year-long celebration of *Ross Bay Villa's 150th Anniversary* organized by the *Ross Bay Villa Society*. The celebrations are part of larger fundraising campaign organized by the society to raise funds to purchase and finish restoring the historical home that once belonged to Member of Parliament Francis Roscoe.

During Roscoe's time as an M.P. in Ottawa, he met with Macdonald and dined with him, though Roscoe was Liberal and Macdonald a Conservative. Roscoe resigned his seat in August of 1878. When Macdonald lost his seat in Kingston in the September 1878 election, he looked to Victoria, where the Dominion election was held a month later. Sir John A. Macdonald was elected for Victoria in October of 1878. SALON Theatre would like to bring the now 200-year-old Sir John A. Macdonald back to the island to celebrate *Ross Bay Villa's* former resident.

Salon Theatre's five actor-musicians are stopping in Victoria amid their six-week national tour of *Sir John Eh? The Road Show*, a fluid, flexible, and portable theatrical show, with a unique blend of heritage and the arts, designed to get people thinking in an entertaining fashion, about Canada's history and systems of government, and the contributions of Sir John A. Macdonald, our first prime minister.

Full details are available at www.sirjohna2015.ca

Tickets for the first part of the event at *Ross Bay Villa* are \$10 each. Tickets may be purchased online at www.RossBayVilla.org.

Proceeds will be split 50/50 between the *Ross Bay Villa Society* and the *Salon Theatre Company*, both Charitable Organizations. The proceeds from this event will assist the *Ross Bay Villa Ownership Campaign*.

The event at City Hall, from 4pm to 4:45pm is free, and open to the public.

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For a list of all events planned at Ross Bay Villa for the 150th anniversary, please visit

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