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**Get ready for a Foot Stompin' Good Time at
the 2013 Maple Sugar Festival du Sucre d'Érable!**

Yessiree, folks, our Festival's theme in 2013 is all about folk and country music! It's time you experienced *les musiciens country et folkloriques* from different parts of Canada. And what better event to listen to and dance to this lively music than the **12th edition of the Maple Sugar Festival du Sucre d'Érable**, taking place in Nanaimo once again in our new venue: the large, weather-proof Beban Park Auditorium.

As per usual, there will be fabulous French Canadian traditional food: *tourtières* (succulent meat pies), *ragoût de porc* (tasty pork stew), a traditional pancake breakfast featuring the purest maple syrup, oh-so-sweet *tire sur la neige* (toffy on snow), amazing *poutine*, and more! And you can burn calories afterward as you dance, stomp your feet, and clap your hands to country and traditional folk musicians and singers from near and far. Amazing musicians include country sensation **Guylaine Tanguay**, who headlines a diverse schedule of performers, along with popular folk groups **La Ligue du Bonheur** and **Pastiche**.

There will also be interactive events and music for kids. *Guinness Book of Records* holder **Ben La Barouette** will make a first appearance along with beloved Festival veterans **Frenchie the Clown** and **Sand Northrup**. We salute the return of **Major Conrad Flapps** as well, back by popular demand. New this year, we present *Friday Night at the Movies* for the whole family as we feature **Babine**, a fantasy comedy by Fred Pellerin.

Between fabulous performances and dining experiences, adults can browse crafts and community booths and benefit from retail therapy.

This is an exciting, cultural, creative festival that celebrates having fun as you learn about and indulge in French Canadian traditions! So, bring your family and friends — young and old — and share in the *joie de vivre* of Vancouver Island's largest bilingual festival.

Come join us! *On vous attend avec plaisir!* We look forward to seeing you from **February 15 to 17, 2013**, in Amazing Nanaimo.

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