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## St-Jean festivities will showcase new regional cuisine with neo-traditional music

*Greater Sudbury, May 27<sup>th</sup> 2009* – French Canada’s national day in Greater Sudbury promises delights and discoveries for lovers of fine food and music. La St-Jean Sudbury has planned a diner and concert event that combines innovative cuisine based on Northern Ontario specialties with inventive interpretations of French-Canadian folk music.

The gastronomical delights will be those of renowned chef **Mathieu Bouchard** of Manitoulin Island. Bouchard, a former colleague of the famed sommelier François Chartier at Bistro à Champlain, has devised a menu that will showcase Northern Ontario products while offering fresh interpretations of traditional French-Canadian culinary fare.

The musical delights will be those of **Nicolas Pellerin**, an award-winning performer of French-Canadian fiddle and song folklore, whose exciting interpretations add modern flourishes to an age-old repertoire. The event is to be held **Friday, June 26<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. at École secondaire Hanmer**. It promises to be “a brand-new way to have an old-time party”.

The community dinner features “French service” (at the table rather than buffet-style) and an exciting menu with fine local food products. The courses include **smoked fish** from Purvis Fisheries, Burt Farm’s **organic pork in an ashed maple sausage**, Green Zone Farm **buffalo in a ragout**, Gypsy Farm **organic vegetables in a ratatouille**, and **two new Thornloe Cheeses**: a fine young cheddar and l’Eventurel, a Canadian Cheese Grand Prix finalist for 2009. And of course, given the occasion, **sugar pie** for dessert is a must.

The musical menu to follow also puts innovative twists to familiar themes. **Nicolas Pellerin**’s ingenious arrangements add contemporary flourishes to traditional French-Canadian music, with impressive musicianship from Simon Lepage on bass and Jean-Philippe Rény on guitar, mandolin, etc. Nicolas, brother of famed storyteller Fred Pellerin, has won the “best traditional album” Felix Award (French Canada’s Juno), with sales of over 40 000 copies.

All in all, guests will end up tapping their bellies while tapping their toes!

The Franco-Ontarian Personality of the Year Award given by ACFO du Grand Sudbury will also be announced this same evening.

This exciting supper and concert evening is a presentation of La Slague du Carrefour francophone and the Centre franco-ontarien de folklore. The evening’s major sponsor is Caisse populaire St-Jacques of Hanmer, with support from École secondaire Hanmer and its ecotourism and hospitality program. College Boréal and Laurentian University are general sponsors for all St-Jean du Grand Sudbury events.

Reserved tables seating eight will cost \$520 and individual seats can be reserved at \$65. Tickets are available starting May 29<sup>th</sup> at Carrefour francophone. Call 705.675.6493, ext. 211 or for further information, go online at [www.StJeanSudbury.ca](http://www.StJeanSudbury.ca).

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