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Special 'Doors Open' Edition

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BIGGEST DOORS OPEN EVER!

Heritage Winnipeg is gearing up for our **8th annual Doors Open**, a free event on the weekend of **May 28th and 29th**. Buildings throughout Winnipeg open their doors and invite the public to explore the impressive architecture and fascinating history of our city. This year is the biggest yet! There are **77 buildings and events** to see, including 13 buildings which have never participated before. **Storytellers** bring history alive. Most important, visitors vote in our **Doors Open Awards!**

MEDIA LAUNCH

We officially launch Doors Open at **10:30am Wednesday, May 18th**, at **St. Luke's Anglican Church, 130 Nassau Street North**. St. Luke's is a beautiful Gothic Revival church in the heart of the Osborne neighbourhood and one of our new buildings this year. Representatives from the church, the city, and Heritage Winnipeg will kick off the event.

SOME NEW BUILDINGS

We have **13 buildings** throughout the city opening their doors to the public for the first time ever. **A few highlights:**

- **Balmoral Hall**, on the north bank of the Assiniboine, a beautiful 110-year-old school.
- **Caron House**, on an idyllic river lot in Charleswood, with tours of the old farmhouse.
- **Grant's Old Mill**, on Sturgeon Creek, the first water mill west of the Great Lakes.
- **St. Mary's Academy**, a magnificent school in Crescentwood originally built in 1903.
- **Transcona Historical Museum**, with over 45,000 artifacts and behind-the-scenes tours.



This year the poster was designed by Pam Elias, a U of M Masters student in City Planning

Storytelling Winnipeggers bring to life the history behind the buildings, sharing stories about the railroad, big business in the Exchange District, and the development of the city. Storytellers will be at the **Aboriginal Centre of Winnipeg**, the **Artspace Building**, the **St. Boniface Museum** and the **Via Rail Station**.

Six Events We also have a number of exciting events exploring Winnipeg history, featuring walking tours of Downtown, the Forks, the Exchange and the West End.

Doors Open Winnipeg Awards

This year we are proud to introduce the brand-new Doors Open Winnipeg Awards. Visitors have the chance to vote for their favourite buildings. Winners will receive a spectacular award created by local artist Jordan van Sewell at a media event in June at the Winnipeg Free Press Café in the Exchange. Vote in **five categories:**

- **Best Restoration**
- **Best Tour**
- **Best Architecture**
- **Best Overall Experience**
- **The Hidden Gem**

For more information, see:

<http://www.doorsopenwinnipeg.ca>

and Winnipeg Free Press insert Thursday, May 26.