

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Public Service Announcement

Attn: PSA/Assignment Editors - Add to event listings

Special War of 1812 Bicentennial Performances

Hamilton, ON – May 16, 2013 – In recognition of the contributions to the War of 1812 by the British Military, First Nations People, and Black Canadians, The Corps of Drums of the Royal Anglian Regiment from London England, Tribal Vision Native Dance, and the Stewart Memorial Church Choir will perform at multiple events from May 30 through June 9.

This unique and engaging programming would not be possible without the funding support of the Government of Ontario through the Celebrate Ontario program, resulting from a joint application submitted on behalf of the Re-enactment of the Battle of Stoney Creek and the Canadian International Military Tattoo.

The men of the Corps of Drums are machine gunners by trade and have been heavily involved in operations in Iraq and Afghanistan since 2002. With four tours of Afghanistan completed since 2002, with an Iraq and a Northern Ireland tour in between, The 1st Battalion The Royal Anglian Regiment is perhaps the most battle-hardened line Battalion in the British Army at present. Their predecessor units fought in the War of 1812 for us.

Tribal Vision Dance is a family dance group based on the Six Nations of the Grand River Reserve. Dance is a very important to Native People as a way to celebrate life and give thanks for all of creation. Tribal Vision enjoys sharing Haudenosaunee culture through songs and dances with audiences from around the world.

The Stewart Memorial Church was founded by fugitive slaves and also free men and women in the early 1800s. Its historic significance affirms the Black presence in Hamilton since the early 1800s and validates the historic and contemporary contributions of the black community to our national and local narrative.

All three groups will perform at:

- 100th Anniversary of the Opening of the Battlefield Monument on Fri. May 31 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Dundurn National Historic Site, Tues. June 4 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- Fieldcote Memorial Park & Museum, Wed. June 5, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- City Hall, Thurs. June 6 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

- Canadian International Military Tattoo, Sat. June 8 evening and Sun. June 9 matinee shows

In addition, The Corps of Drums of the Royal Anglian Regiment will perform at:

- Smith's Knoll Memorial Parade, Fri. May 31 at 7:00 p.m.
- Re-enactment of the Battle of Stoney Creek, Sat. June 1 and Sun. June 2 on the Battlefield prior to each battle re-enactment

In addition to these unique and engaging performances, The City of Hamilton is marking the historical events that helped shape Canada's identity and the 200 years of peace between Canada and the United States through a series of signature events planned in 2013, including:

- **Re-enactment of the Battle of Stoney Creek** - June 1 and 2
- **Canadian International Military Tattoo** - June 8 and 9
- **TALL SHIPS® Hamilton** - June 28 to 30
- **Hamilton & Scourge Memorial** - September 4 and 21

The City of Hamilton is committed to increase the awareness of this important chapter in history that helped shape Canada's identity, 200 years ago.

For more information including a complete list of events and activities, please visit www.1812hamilton.com.

- 30-

Media Contact

Brenda Branch
Marketing and Promotions Officer
Tourism and Culture Division
Planning and Economic Development Department
City of Hamilton
Phone: 905-546-2424, extension 7527
Email: bbranch@hamilton.ca