VICTORIA, BC – This Sunday, the community is invited to take a step back in time and participate in the History2Life Family Festival from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. at Centennial Square. The free festival is an opportunity for family and friends to gather and explore Victoria’s history through art, music, crafts and activities for all ages and celebrate Victoria’s 150th anniversary.

Kids can participate in the Time Traveller Scavenger Hunt, a fun and inspiring way to connect with local history and win some great prizes! The first 75 kids through the gate will receive their own Time Traveller Suitcase, and one lucky winner will win a round trip for two anywhere that WestJet flies (subject to conditions).

People of all ages can take part in the many hands-on art and activity stations, and meet the roving characters in the History2Life performance troupe. Created for the City of Victoria’s 150th anniversary by the Puente Theatre in association with Merlin’s Sun Puppets, the characters creatively represent elements of Victoria’s history and culture.

Families will have the opportunity to enjoy live music, dance, and musical theatre by Boston Dance, the Yanik Giroux Performing Arts Studio, Sacred Centre Dancers, and Stages Dance. The Pioneer Players will also be on-hand to perform random historical vignettes. Music performances, historical stories, tours and activity stations will make the History2Life Family Festival a fun way to learn more about Victoria’s past.

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