

It's Snow Joke!

By Joel Gillespie, Reporter

O! Jack Frost served up a monster blizzard this past Thursday, burying the province under 76 cm of white stuff. And let me tell you, it was "snow" picnic to go out there!

The state of emergency for the province remained in effect Friday, and advised people who had "snow" business travelling in the treacherous conditions to stay off the roads. A government spokesperson reportedly said "don't worry, the 'snowly' thing we have to fear is fear itself!"

Roads remained icy and dangerous well after the storm ended on the island. As one person who was stuck travelling during the storm said, "now that's what I call a slippery situation!" When asked to elaborate, he said "I've got snow time to talk with all this shoveling to do! 'Snow' pain, snow gain! I can't get snow satisfaction when I have to shovel through a six-foot drift in my driveway!"

Many businesses and government offices were closed so

that their employees could go out and play in the "White Juan," proving that when it comes to bosses, Island employers are not all "frosty!" It's also a good thing that UPEI was having its semi-traditional Reading Week, otherwise students would have had to "dig in" and ski all the way to class!

But really, the storm of the century was "snow fun" to people who absolutely had to get to work. Plows were called off the roads during the peak of the storm, but were incredibly busy afterwards, proving "there's no business like snow business!"

Although the storm broke long-standing records in Charlottetown, neighbouring city Halifax was hit harder, totalling over 100 cm. The city invoked a curfew and threatened to fine or imprison any stray pedestrians or snowshoers in an effort to aid snow removal crews. This just goes to show you "there's snow place like home!"



Artist Unknown

Back for a second year, Faces of Canada, an exciting 4-day festival presented by the Confederation Centre of the Arts in partnership with the Government of Canada and Tourism PEI.

Faces of Canada Festival

THURSDAY
February
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FAYO

Thursday, February 26, 8 p.m., Studio Theatre, Tickets: \$8
Fayo, aka Mario Leblanc, of New Brunswick, performs his unique blend of folk and rock music, and urban poetry in a combination of French, Old Acadian, and chiac. Licensed, 19+

An Evening with TOM JACKSON and the Famous PEOPLE Players

8 p.m., Mainstage Theatre, Tickets: \$20 & \$25

FRIDAY
February

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Act 1 Famous PEOPLE Players: *Shake, Rattle and Roll*
Relive rock n' roll music from the '50s, '60s, and '70s in an explosion of laughter, colour, and dance with the Famous PEOPLE Players, Canada's famous black-light theatrical troupe.

Act 2 Tom Jackson: *Stories, Songs and Tom Foolery*
Award-winning Canadian musician and actor Tom Jackson will touch your funny bone and your heart with his comedy, stories, theatre, and songs.

Dance Party with AFRO-MUSICA!

9 p.m., Memorial Hall, Tickets: \$12, Licensed 19+
Afro-Musica's incredible souk-pop music will move your body and your soul!

SATURDAY
February

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The Famous PEOPLE Players SPECIAL MATINEE!

10:30 a.m., Mainstage Theatre, Tickets: \$10 adults/\$6 children

Famous PEOPLE Players: *Shake, Rattle and Roll*
Relive rock n' roll music from the '50s, '60s, and '70s in an explosion of laughter, colour, and dance with the Famous PEOPLE Players, Canada's famous black-light theatrical troupe.

ALL AGES SHOW

8 p.m., MacKenzie Theatre, Tickets: \$5

Featuring hot new bands from PEI!

THE SPIRIT OF IRELAND

8 p.m., Mainstage, Tickets: \$22-\$42

A spectacular evening of traditional Irish dance, music & song performed by award-winning artists from Ireland!

SUNDAY
February

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Traditional Chinese Music with LIU FANG

2 p.m., Studio Theatre, Tickets: \$10

On her Debut Atlantic tour, classically-trained musician Liu Fang delights audiences with her masterful playing of the traditional pipa (Chinese lute) and guzheng (Chinese zither).

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