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The Sea Speaks: Home from The Sea Foundation Celebrates 10 Years of Storytelling, Community, and Memory

Elliston, NL – Today, the Home from The Sea Foundation marks a milestone with a powerful community celebration in Elliston commemorating the **10th anniversary of the Home from The Sea – John C. Crosbie Sealers Interpretation Centre**.

Titled *The Sea Speaks: Celebrating a Decade of Telling Her Tales*, the event honours Newfoundland and Labrador's sealing heritage and the stories of those who lived, worked, and sacrificed at sea. Through music, readings, art, and storytelling, the Foundation reflects on a decade of preserving history while unveiling **new initiatives designed to carry these stories into the next decade** including expanded digital platforms, new educational programs, and a travelling exhibit to share the story across the province and beyond.

"This anniversary is not only about looking back at the stories we've preserved," said **Chris Collingwood, Chair and Founder of the Home from The Sea Foundation**. "It's about ensuring future generations continue to understand the courage, hardships, and resilience that shaped our province and our connection to the sea."

Today's Highlights Include:

- World-renowned tenor David Pomeroy performing *Home from the Sea* and an a cappella rendition of *Ode to Newfoundland* at Porter's Point overlooking Trinity Bay.
- A dramatic reading from Cassie Brown's *Death on the Ice*, presented by Donna Butt and Sheilagh Guy-Murphy.
- A candle-lighting ceremony led by Beth Crosbie, honouring lives lost to the sea.
- Musical performances by Sean Panting, Larry Foley, Petrina Bromley, Kevin Evans, and David Pomeroy.
- Reflections and remarks from Bonavista Mayor John Norman, Board Member Marilyn Coles-Hayley, and Chair Chris Collingwood.
- A closing reception of Food, Fellowship, Friendship & Wine at the Sealers Interpretation Centre.

The event, emceed by **Leo Power, Board member and co-founder of Turning The Tide Marine Industry Awards**, highlights 'how a community-driven initiative can drive a self-sustaining model for rural social enterprise. Over the past decade, Home from The Sea has welcomed thousands of visitors, preserved an essential part of Newfoundland and Labrador's history, and inspired pride in rural Newfoundland's ability to achieve world-class cultural experiences.'



“This is a story that continues to resonate today,” said Marilyn Coles-Hayley, Board Member of the Foundation. “The sea shaped who we are, and through this event we celebrate both the lives that were lost and the living culture that endures.”

About the Home from The Sea Foundation

The Home from The Sea Foundation is dedicated to preserving and sharing the history of Newfoundland and Labrador’s sealing heritage and broader stories of the sea. Since opening the John C. Crosbie Sealers Interpretation Centre in 2015, the Foundation has become a place of education, remembrance, and cultural connection for visitors from around the world.

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