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Historic Clay District and CHAT 94.5 FM Present the John Wort Hannam Trio Live at Medalta Potteries National Historic Site

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Medicine Hat – Folk musician John Wort Hannam will be performing at the Medalta Potteries National Historic Site on Tuesday, February 24, 2009. Local musician Ron Mason will open the show, performing songs from his soon-to-be-released album featuring songs inspired by the Historic Clay District. The concert is a fundraiser with the proceeds going to the Historic Clay District's ongoing reconstruction.

Hannam was a school teacher until 2000 when he decided to pursue a full-time career as a working musician. Since then, he has performed at festivals all over the world and has won numerous awards, including first prize in the Calgary Folk Festival Song Writing Competition twice (2004 and 2007) and the CBC Galaxie Rising Star Award Winner in 2005. He was a Western Canadian Music Award nominee in 2005 and two-time nominee in 2007.

Hannam's latest album – his first with the Black Hen music label – 2007's "Two-Bit Suit," features many prominent artists, such as Steve Dawson, Keith Lowe (Fiona Apple, Bill Frisell), and others. According to his website, Hannam is "a born story-teller with a keen eye for the quirky, a humble and engaging performer with lyrics that create stories behind the songs."

"John is a familiar entertainer in Medicine Hat and headlined the first Tongue on the Post Folk Festival. In the summer of 2006 both he and the Historic Clay District were a part of 'Alberta at the Smithsonian' in Washington, DC where he was a featured artist," said Barry Finkelman, Executive Director of the Historic Clay District. "The Historic Clay District is proud to be connected with a performer of his calibre."

Tickets are \$15 each and are available at the Medalta Potteries National Historic Site, Eighth Street Crescent Heights Wine & Liquor Store and Track Side Liquor Store. Doors open at 6:30pm with the show to start at 7:30pm.

The Historic Clay District is the largest National Historic Site in Western Canada. In addition to the Medalta Potteries National Historic Site, the District also includes the Hycroft China complex and the last remaining beehive kiln from the massive Alberta Clay Products plant that burnt to the ground in 1961. It is operated by the Friends of Medalta Society.

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