



Hotel Reservations:

Please call the **Executive Royal Hotel** directly at:
1-800-853-1181
Identify yourself as a CMSA member to get the discounted rate.
Room rate is \$119 CAD per room plus taxes & fees.
Limited number of rooms available. **Please make reservations early.**

What to expect:

- **Internationally renowned guest artists**
- **Workshops with experts in various fields**
- **Performance with the En Masse Orchestra**
- **The Teachers' Techniques Workshop**
- **Evening concerts**
- **Playing contest**
- **Open mic**
- **Lots of new music**
- **New friends & contacts**

will be held in

Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada

Sept. 25th to 29th, 2013

Greetings fellow Canadian mandolin enthusiasts! I am hoping that by now, you have heard the great news . . . the Regina Mandolin Orchestra will be hosting the next C.M.S.A. convention, to be held in Regina from September 25th to 29th, 2013. We are hoping for a very strong showing of Canadians at this convention. This September is a great time to show the world that Canada is a hotbed of mandolin activity! Please 'talk up' this great opportunity with your fellow orchestra or ensemble members. Consider representing your orchestra by attending as a 'group' . . . and sharing accommodations in order to keep your costs down. If you are looking for a roommate, let

us know, and we will look into pairing you with someone compatible. Regina is centrally located, making the flight, or drive, fairly reasonable for most folks. If you're coming in by plane, we will arrange airport pick-up for you, and deliver you right to the front door of the hotel. We'll also shuttle you back to the airport when the convention comes to an end. Come a few days early and let Dave, one of our Mandocello players, take you on a tour of local sights and sounds. The Canadian Prairies are home to many exceptional luthiers, and they, too, will be at the Convention to strut their stuff. Local music retailer Cobb Swanson is talking to publishers

of mandolin music, and plans to have a nice selection of pieces on hand for purchase in the Vendor Area. And what event in Regina would be complete without an appearance by the R.C.M.P.? There's a rumor going around that they will be dropping by during the Convention! We'll keep you posted with periodic email updates. And we've set up a website dedicated to the 2013 CMSA Convention in Regina, which will be updated regularly as we finalize details. Please visit it at www.mandolinconvention.com and let us know what you think! Let's make this a convention that folks talk about for years to come! See you in Regina!

Cross Border Harmony Has Strings Attached!

If you've ever attended a C.M.S.A. Convention, you know how exciting it can be to learn from and listen to the professional musicians, how terrifying it can be to perform at Open Mic, and how satisfying it is to perform as part of the En

Masse Orchestra! You know that it is an opportunity for Mandophiles to pick up new CDs, or acquire some new sheet music. It's a place to network with other amateur mandolinists and guitar players who share our passion!



**REGINA
MANDOLIN
ORCHESTRA**

I have a special favour to ask of my fellow Canadian mandolinists:

would you be able to help us spread the word about this Convention, and encourage your fellow musicians to consider attending? Would you be able to circulate this flyer to everyone in your orchestra or ensemble? Or forward it to anyone in the musical community

who might be interested? Perhaps you could make an announcement next time your group gets together, and talk with each other about attending. This is a great time to 'introduce' a fellow musician to the magic of a mandolin convention!