



## For Immediate Release

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Toronto, April 6, 2005...**The Plains of Abraham: An Epic Tour of Canada** is a new national initiative of the Dominion Institute. Starting in Vancouver, B.C, and touching down in eleven major Canadian cities between April 12 and May 31, poet **Jack Mitchell** will present his extraordinary creation **The Plains of Abraham**, a 700-line poem written and performed in the Homeric tradition, to over 30 audiences – school groups, community groups and general audiences.

In each city, Jack Mitchell will deliver at least one public and school performance. Admission to the public performances is free.

### **Jack's 11-city, 8000 kilometre odyssey will take him to:**

Vancouver – April 12-15

Calgary – April 18-20

Saskatoon – April 22-24

Winnipeg – April 27-29

Toronto – May 3-6

Ottawa – May 8-9

Montreal – May 10-13

Saint John – May 15-17

Halifax – May 19-21

Charlottetown – May 23-25

St. John's – May 29-31

**The Plains of Abraham Poem** deals with the history of the Seven Years War and the Siege of Quebec in 1759, events that have shaped the character and formation of the country. The colour, the smells, the blood, the battle, the soldiers, the generals are all evoked in this personal oral history of Wolfe and Montcalm and the Battle of the Plains of Abraham.

**The Plains of Abraham Epic Tour** presents a unique opportunity for Canadians of all ages to experience the power of the Homeric epic tradition while learning about Canadian history in a fun and interesting way. Follow Jack Mitchell's tour across the country on the project website: [www.plainsofabraham.ca](http://www.plainsofabraham.ca).

Jack Mitchell is the author and performer of the Plains of Abraham. He was born in Sackville, NB, grew up in Ottawa, ON, and is currently a Ph.D. Candidate in Classics at Stanford University. The Dominion Institute is a registered charity dedicated to promoting Canadian history and civic engagement.

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