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### **Canada's National Day at Expo 2005: April 5<sup>th</sup>**

National Days are privileged moments for countries participating in Expo 2005 in Aichi, Japan to showcase their theme and talent. Canada will celebrate its diversity on April 5 with a host of exciting special and cultural activities that are sure to provide Expo visitors with a memorable Canadian experience. Canada is proud to be the first country to celebrate its national day at the Expo Dome!

At the heart of the days activities are performances by two internationally acclaimed artists. Superstar Alanis Morissette, who hails from the nation's capital—Ottawa—will be headlining this main event at the 3000 seat Expo Dome. Alanis, whose incredible career has taken her across borders and around the world many times over, was a natural choice to lead this fantastic group of artists from across the country. Headlining with Alanis will be francophone singing sensation Corneille, who became a Canadian citizen just last fall. This talented musician, who now considers Montreal his home, fled his native Rwanda amid war and personal tragedy in the 1990s and has since won critical praise and the adoration of millions of fans in both his adopted home and abroad.

The National Day also entails an official Ceremony, which will commence at 11 am. Guests of honour will include Robert Wright, Canadian Ambassador to Japan, H.E. Ambassador Watanabe, and Commissioner General of the 2005 world exposition, Norman Moyer, Commissioner General for Canada at Expo 2005, and André Frenette, Deputy Commissioner General for Canada at Expo 2005. RCMP Officers dressed in Red Serge will march the Canadian flag onto the Expo Dome stage where it will be raised. The countries' national anthem will be sung by a combined choir that includes children from nearby Kasugai and Kariya, which are both sister cities to cities in Canada, as well as Nagoya.

This will be followed by cultural performances featuring an impressive program produced by OYE! Canada celebrating Canada's environmental diversity through its four seasons. The program will evoke not only the colourful autumn maples and cold winters that the Japanese associate with Canada, but also the vibrant springs and hot, green summers. The artists featured in the exciting line-up come from many regions of Canada, and the constant changing of the seasons they experience plays a vital part in their artistic influence and Canadian cultural identity.

The show will include performances by the Northern Shadow Dancers, a dynamic Cree dance group hailing from Dawson Creek, British Columbia; Janelle Dupuis, a 13-year-old Acadian fiddling champion from Memramcook, New Brunswick; Diouf, a group from Montréal whose music incorporates traditional Senegalese rhythms with the multicultural influences of Canada; the Tagonak Inuit Cultural Performers, from Nunavut; Rubberbandance, from Toronto and Montréal, a duo of world-class dancers who perform an innovative mix of hip-hop and contemporary classicism; and Jeremy Fisher, a singer-songwriter in the folk tradition from Vancouver, British Columbia.

April 5<sup>th</sup> is Canada's moment to shine on the world's stage and will be a day to remember for visitors to Expo 2005. The pageantry of the opening ceremony, the artistry of the protocol show and the magnetism and tremendous talent of Expo Dome headliners Alanis Morissette and Corneille will be highlights of Canada's participation in the exposition and a source of national pride back home.



## Canada's National Day on April 5, 2005

### Schedule of Events

#### EXPO Dome

- 11:00 *O Canada* sung by students from Kasugai-city and Kariya-city
- 11:10 Opening remarks by the Honourable Raymond Chan, Minister of State (Multiculturalism) in the presence of H.E. Robert Wright, Canadian Ambassador to Japan, H.E. Ambassador Watanabe, Commissioner General for Expo 2005 and Norman Moyer, Commissioner General for Canada at Expo 2005
- 11:20 Protocol Show\* begins, with performances by:  
Tagonak Inuit Cultural Performers (Nunavut)  
Diouf (Montréal, Québec)  
Rubberbandance (Toronto, Ontario and Montréal, Québec)  
Jeremy Fisher (Vancouver, British-Columbia)  
Janelle Dupuis (Memramcook, New-Brunswick)  
Corneille (Montréal, Québec)  
Northern Shadow Dancers (Dawson Creek, British Columbia)  
Alanis Morissette (Ottawa, Ontario)
- 12:20 End

#### Global Common 2 Stage

- 14:00-19:00 Performances\* begin, including:  
Tagonak Inuit Cultural Performers (Nunavut)  
Diouf (Montréal, Québec)  
Rubberbandance (Toronto, Ontario and Montréal, Québec)  
Janelle Dupuis (Memramcook, New-Brunswick)  
Northern Shadow Dancers (Dawson Creek, British Columbia)
- 19 :00 End

#### Canada Pavilion Manulife VIP Lounge

- 16:30-17:30 Reception hosted for invited guests by Norman Moyer, Commissioner

General for Canada at Expo 2005

**EXPO Dome**

18:00 National Day Evening Show\*, with performances by:  
Jeremy Fisher (Vancouver, British-Columbia)  
Corneille (Montréal, Québec)  
Alanis Morissette (Ottawa, Ontario)

20:30 End

\*Please note that media is allowed to film no more than 30 seconds of the first or second song of each performer. Photographers are not authorized to use flashes

## **2005-04-05: NATIONAL DAY**

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Come celebrate and immerse yourself in an exciting musical lineup featuring performers from diverse regions of Canada.

#### **Alanis Morissette**

Ottawa native and international superstar Alanis Morissette headlines the Journée nationale celebrations.

**6:00pm-8:30pm Expo Dome**



**Corneille**

Rwandan-born Canadian Corneille brings his soulful singing to the Journée nationale spotlight.

**6:00pm-8:30pm Expo Dome**

#### **Northern Shadow Dancers**

Enjoy this dynamic Cree dance group from Dawson Creek, British Columbia.

**2:00pm-7:00pm Global Common 2**

#### **Janelle Dupuis**

Don't miss the 13-year old Acadian Fiddling champion from Memramcook, New Brunswick.

**2:00pm-7:00pm Global Common 2**

### **Diouf**

This Montréal group combines traditional Senegalese melodies with the world beat of Canada.

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### **Tagonak Inuit Cultural Performers**

See a group of young Inuit perform traditional throat singing, drums, dancing, ayaya singing and Inuit games.

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### **Rubberbandance**

This world-class dance troupe from Toronto/Montréal offers an innovative mix of hip hop and contemporary classicism.

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### **Jeremy Fisher**

Enjoy this singer from Vancouver, British Columbia who is deeply rooted in Canada's music and folk tradition.

**6:00pm-8:30pm Expo Dome**

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