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This Week at the Canada Pavilion

Welcome to the eighth edition of *This Week at the Canada Pavilion*.

Each week, for the duration of the Expo, we will provide a snapshot of some of the events and activities at the Canada Pavilion.

This week: Meet Grace Fan, one of our six Canadian storytellers as she visits the Canada Pavilion; enjoy fun for the whole family with music from Manitoba duo LuLu and the TomCat; learn about the Tokai Japan Canada Society and how they are working to strengthen Canada-Japan ties at an event in the Pavilion's Manulife VIP Lounge; hear award-winning author Robert Lalonde read from his work in French at various locations.

For more information on these activities or to request an interview with any of the participants, please contact the Communications team at the Canada Pavilion at 0561 64 5788. Media can also contact us by e-mail at info@expo2005canada.gc.ca.

Special Events

May 30 (tbc): **The Canada Pavilion welcomes its millionth visitor!**

The countdown is on for the very special one-millionth person to visit to the Canada Pavilion. The early arrival of this milestone may be an indication that the Canada Pavilion will exceed its initial overall objective of 1.5 M visitors before the end of Expo 2005 on September 25th. This figure was based on 10 % of the total number of estimated visitors to the Expo site, which is 15 million.

June 2-9: **Grace Fan**

Don't miss this chance to meet Grace Fan, urban designer and landscape architect who lives in Vancouver, British Columbia as she visits the Canada Pavilion. She is one of the six Canadians featured in the public presentation of the Canada Pavilion who share their unique perspective on what it means to be Canadian. For more information visit the Six Storytellers section on the www.expo2005canada.gc.ca Web site.

May 31, June 1, 2 (TBC): **Robert Lalonde**

Recipient of the Order of Canada 2004 for his work as an author, novelist, poet and comedian, this native of Oka, Québec is an established actor, director and teacher, as well as an award-winning poet and novelist. His works include *Le petit aigle à la tête blanche*, and many others. Following a reading in the Canada Pavilion's Manulife VIP Lounge last week, Lalonde will be reading at Kinjo Gakuin University in Nagoya from 9:10 am to 10:40 am at Meiji University in Tokyo on June 1 from 12:30 pm to 2:00 pm.

Performing on the Global Common 2 Stage

May 30-31 (2:30 pm), June 1-3-6 (1:30 pm), June 2-4 (15:30 pm): **LuLu and the TomCat**
This acclaimed musical duo from Winnipeg, Manitoba performs children's music in both English and French. An interactive musical group for children and families, their lyrically driven shows include song and dance. This award-winning duo also performs under the name Tom and Lori when they present their brand of jazzy folk-swing to adult audiences. Don't miss this eclectic performance that will reach audiences of all ages. For more information, visit www.luluandthetomcat.com.

Visiting this Week in the Manulife VIP Lounge of the Canada Pavilion

June 1: Tokai Japan Canada Society Event

Organized by the Tokai Japan-Canada Society (TJCS), which was established to promote social, cultural and commercial ties between Canada and the Tokai region of Japan, this full-day corporate-member event will include various presentations and tours of selected pavilions. Special guests will be on site including representatives from the Canadian Embassy, local and national business leaders and the TJCS executive, with speaking guests Mr. Jeff Kucharski, former Nagoya Consul, Mr. John Gathright, Producer of the Growing Village Pavilion, Mr. Scott Reid, President of the TJCS and Mr. Norman Moyer, Commissioner General for the Canada Pavilion. For more information visit: www.tjcs.jp.

Coming next week at the Canada Pavilion: Meet Grace Fan, one of our six Canadian storytellers as she visits the Canada Pavilion; enjoy fun for the whole family with music from Manitoba duo LuLu and the TomCat; learn about advancements in online cultural content from Canadian and Asian experts during Cultural New Media Days from June 6-8; don't miss the chance to hear internationally-acclaimed author Ann-Marie MacDonald, from Toronto, Ontario, as she visits the Canada Pavilion.

**For more information, visit the Canada Pavilion Web site at
www.expo2005canada.gc.ca**

Did you know...

The 36 members of the Canada Pavilion hosting staff come from all regions of Canada. Each one of them speak Japanese and English and approximately half of them speak French as well!