

This Week at the Canada Pavilion

Welcome to the ninth 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; don't miss the chance to hear internationally-acclaimed author Ann-Marie MacDonald, from Toronto, Ontario, read from her work in the Manulife VIP lounge.

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

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. During her stay, Grace will participate in various forums related to her field in the Aichi region as well as interact with members of the public at the Canada Pavilion.

June 8: **Live Virtual Exchange with Science World British-Columbia, in Vancouver (9:00 am)**

The Canada Pavilion is proud to host a live virtual Expo exchange between Vancouver and Japan. Held in collaboration with Science World BC, this discussion through the Canada Expo 2005 Interactive Network will feature Grace Fan and students from Hokubu Jr. High School in Nagoya at the Cyber Salon at the Canada Pavilion in Aichi, as well as students from Vancouver Technical School at Science World BC in Vancouver, British Columbia.

Performing on the Global Common 2 Stage

June 6: **LuLu and the TomCat (1:30 pm)**

This acclaimed musical duo from 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 a song in Japanese. *The Colours of Canada*, which they wrote especially for the Expo audience. Don't miss this eclectic performance that will reach audiences of all ages and nationalities. For more information, visit www.luluandthetomcat.com.

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

June 6-8: **Cultural New Media Days**

The Department of Canadian Heritage will host Cultural New Media Days at the Canada Pavilion from June 6-8, 2005. The event will facilitate a dialogue between Canadian experts in new media, leading researchers in digital culture, a network of cultural portal authorities (Culture.Mondo), and developers of online cultural content and their Asian counterparts on a number of topics related to culture in the digital interactive space.

June 8-11: **Ann-Marie MacDonald**

Acclaimed author, playwright and actor Ann-Marie MacDonald is the host of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation's award-winning biography series, LIFE AND TIMES. MacDonald's play *Goodnight Desdemona (Good morning Juliet)*, which was translated into Japanese. She also won the Canadian Governor General's Award for Drama, among other awards. Her debut novel, *Fall On Your Knees* attracted a huge international readership and won critical acclaim. It was translated and published in 23 languages. Her second novel, *The Way the Crow Flies*, is an international bestseller. Don't miss this unique opportunity to hear one of Canada's most high-profile authors read from her work at Nanzan University, Seto Campus in Aichi on June 8 from 1:00 pm – 3:30 pm; at the Canadian Embassy in Tokyo on June 9 from 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm; and in the Canada Pavilion Manulife VIP Lounge on June 10 from 7:00 pm -- 8:30 pm. For more information on this award-winning author, please visit www.randomhouse.ca/newface/macdonald.php

Coming next week at the Canada Pavilion: Natural Resources Canada (NRCan) and the Canadian Forest Service are organizing seminars on Canadian building solutions and sustainable forest management practices. Don't miss this opportunity to learn how Canada's products and solutions are an environmentally-friendly and renewable choice!

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

Did you know...

The Teku-Jin, technologically-enhanced hosts, equipped with a webcam, welcome thousands of visitors each day. This nomad technology was specially adapted for the Canada Pavilion by the Montréal firm PIXMAN. Check out the visitor photos at http://www.expo2005canada.gc.ca/en/canada_pavilion/your_live_expo_host.html.