

## This Week at the Canada Pavilion

**This week:** Celebrate Québec Day on June 24; learn about barrier-free issues during Manulife Day for the physically challenged; meet Jean Lemire, one of our six Canadian storytellers as he visits the Canada Pavilion; enjoy the music of Ceilidh Friends, a four-person folk group from Yellowknife, Northwest Territories; immerse yourself in the unique sounds of master cellist and vocalist Jorane, from Montréal, Québec; learn about the International Network on Cultural Policy's special session in the Manulife VIP lounge.

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### Special Events

#### June 24: Québec Day

All across Canada, French Canadians express their cultural pride and rich heritage through colourful parades and lively parties marking Saint-Jean-Baptiste Day. A delegation from the province of Québec will take part in the celebrations for Québec Day on June 24 at the Canada Pavilion. To mark this special occasion, internationally acclaimed master cellist and vocalist **Jorane**, from Montréal, Québec, will be at Expo in concert on the Global Common 2 stage at 2:30 pm. Watch for special giveaways of Québec's famous maple syrup.

#### June 22-28: Jean Lemire

Don't miss this chance to meet Jean Lemire, biologist and filmmaker who works out of the Magdalene Islands, in Québec, as he visits the Canada Pavilion. He is one of the six Canadians at the heart of the pavilion's public presentation who share their unique perspective on what it means to be Canadian. During his stay, Jean will have the opportunity to show one of his world-famous documentaries at the neighbouring United Nations Pavilion. To learn more about Jean's documentaries, visit <http://www.nfb.ca/aventures/>. For more information on Jean visit the Six Storytellers section of the [www.expo2005canada.gc.ca](http://www.expo2005canada.gc.ca) Web site.

### Performing on the Global Common 2 Stage

#### June 21-22-23-25-26-27-28: Ceilidh Friends (2:30 pm)

The members of this four-voice group from Yellowknife met at a social gathering called a *Ceilidh*, which features Scottish or Irish folk music and dance. Ceilidh Friends performs traditional, modern and Northern folk songs either *a capella* or with a varied instrumental accompaniment. Together for more than ten years, they have performed at folk festivals across Canada and in the United States. Don't miss this unique taste of northern culture as Ceilidh Friends! For more information, please visit [www.celtarctic.com/ceilidh\\_friends\\_main.htm](http://www.celtarctic.com/ceilidh_friends_main.htm).

June 24: **Jorane** (2:30 pm)

Celebrate Québec Day with Jorane, internationally acclaimed master cellist and vocalist from Montréal, Québec. Jorane's distinctive way of playing the cello, paired with her beautiful and unique voice, has earned her audiences throughout the world and numerous accolades, including two prestigious Canadian Juno - Canada's top music prize - award nominations and twelve nominations at ADISQ, the organization representing Québec companies and professionals of the record, entertainment, and video industry. She is a bestselling artist in Canada, France, Japan, and other countries around the globe. For more information and audio samples, please visit [www.jorane.com](http://www.jorane.com).

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

June 20-21-22: **International Network on Cultural Policy**

The Department of Canadian Heritage is proud to host officials from numerous countries, particularly from Asia-Pacific nations, as they gather for a special meeting of the International Network on Cultural Policy (INCP) at the Canada Pavilion. This special session of the INCP's Working Group on Cultural Diversity and Globalization is being organized in the context of policy exchange with a particular focus relating to the UNESCO Convention on the Protection of the Diversity of Cultural Contents and Artistic Expressions. The three-day event will involve working group meetings, presentations and pavilion tours. For more information on INCP, please visit [www.incp-ripc.org](http://www.incp-ripc.org).

June 25: **Manulife Day – Expo "Happi" Discovery Tour**

This special day aims to offer a unique exchange between Canada and Japan on barrier-free issues. Japanese physically challenged children and able-bodied students will meet a Canadian physically challenged child and his family to visit the Expo site on June 25. The children will experience assisted tree climbing at the Growing Village Pavilion, produced by Canadian John Gathright, and also tour the Canada and Japan pavilions together. Finally, they will meet in the Canada Pavilion's Manulife VIP Lounge to create barrier-free maps of the Expo site based on their tour.

**Coming next week at the Canada Pavilion:** An international diversity forum will be hosted by the Association for Canadian Studies on June 28 in the Manulife VIP lounge; meet Jean Lemire and Idil Moussa, two of our six Canadian storytellers as they visit the Canada Pavilion; enjoy the music of Ceilidh Friends from Yellowknife; discover the unique style of Coral Egan, singer-songwriter from Montréal, Québec; get blown away by 16-year old vocal powerhouse Keshia Chanté, from Ottawa, Ontario; immerse yourself in the unique sounds of master cellist and vocalist Jorane, from Montréal, Québec; enjoy a unique opportunity to listen to Aboriginal storytelling with Shannon Thunderbird from Victoria, British Columbia; and don't miss Canada's birthday party on July 1<sup>st</sup> at Expo Plaza!

**For more information, visit the Canada Pavilion Web site at  
[www.expo2005canada.gc.ca](http://www.expo2005canada.gc.ca)**

***Did you know...** On May 30, 2005, well ahead of schedule, the popular Canada Pavilion welcomed its one-millionth visitor, Mr. Kenji Sakakibara and family of Kariya City in Aichi, Japan. The original attendance estimate for the whole of Expo was 1.5 million visitors which the Canada Pavilion hopes to welcome before the end of the month.*