



## Celebrate Canada Day at Expo 2005

The Canada Pavilion at Expo 2005 is proud to celebrate Canada's 138<sup>th</sup> birthday at Expo 2005. April 5th was Canada's National Day at Expo 2005, however, July 1st is the national holiday designated to celebrate the formation of the Canadian federation in 1867.

Leading up to Canada Day, other exciting events and concerts are taking place. **June 24** is **Québec Day** at the Canada Pavilion. On this 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 in Aichi along with internationally acclaimed master cellist and vocalist **Jorane**, from Montréal, Québec, who will be in concert on the Global Common 2 stage at 2:30 pm. Jorane will also share the stage of the 400-seat Expo Hall on June 28 at 6:30 pm with another Montréal artist, singer-songwriter **Coral Egan**.

On **June 27-28**, the Association for Canadian Studies will host a diversity forum entitled "Canada and Japan: Identities and Values Symposium" to mark Canada's **Multiculturalism Day**. The first of this two-day event will take place at Aichi Gakuin University followed by a day at the Canada Pavilion's Manulife VIP lounge. Leading Canadian thinkers of diverse backgrounds will join Japanese experts for presentations and a roundtable discussion, as well as a pavilion tour and a luncheon hosted by Norman Moyer, Commissioner General for Canada at Expo 2005.

Finally, visitors can celebrate Canada at a spectacular concert at Expo Plaza on **Canada Day, July 1**. Several prominent Canadian artists hailing from various regions across the nation will be featured in the impressive celebration line-up. Beginning at 12:00 pm, **Ceilidh Friends**, folk group from Yellowknife, Northwest Territories; **Shannon Thunderbird**, Aboriginal storyteller from Victoria, British Columbia; **Keshia Chanté**, 16-year-old vocal powerhouse from the nation's capital; singer-songwriter **Coral Egan** and master cellist **Jorane** and from Montréal, Québec, will give spectators a taste of Canada's rich cultural talent.

In addition, **Jean Lemire** and **Idil Moussa**, two of the six Canadian storytellers featured in the public presentation of the Canada Pavilion who share their perspective on what it means to be Canadian, will be visiting Expo this week. Jean Lemire, a biologist and filmmaker who works out of the Magdalene Islands in Québec, will be at Expo from **June 24 to 28**, and will represent Québec on June 24. Idil Moussa, a children's television program host from Toronto, Ontario, will be joining Jean on **June 27** and staying at Expo until **July 2**.

For more information on Canada Week or other elements of Canada's Cultural Program visit the [www.expo2005canada.gc.ca](http://www.expo2005canada.gc.ca) Web site. To request an interview with any of the week's 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](mailto:info@expo2005canada.gc.ca).