

## This Week at the Canada Pavilion

**This week:** Learn about diversity at a symposium hosted by the Association for Canadian Studies on June 27 at Aichi Gakuin University and on June 28 in the Pavilion's Manulife VIP Lounge; meet Jean Lemire and Idil Mussa, two of our six Canadian storytellers as they visit Expo; celebrate Canada's birthday with a spectacular concert featuring some of the hottest acts in Canada at the Expo Plaza on July 1; enjoy the music of Ceilidh Friends, a four-person folk group from the Northwest Territories; discover the unique style of Coral Egan, singer-songwriter from Québec; take in a performance by 16-year-old vocal powerhouse Keshia Chanté, from Ontario; immerse yourself in the unique sounds of master cellist and vocalist Jorane, from Québec; don't miss a unique opportunity to listen to Aboriginal storytelling with Shannon Thunderbird from British Columbia.

*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](mailto:info@expo2005canada.gc.ca).*

### Special Events

#### July 1: **Canada's Birthday at Expo Plaza (12:00 pm – 2:00 pm)**

Canada Day will be celebrated with a spectacular concert lineup on July 1 at Expo Plaza. Several well-known Canadian artists will be present for the celebrations, including Ceilidh Friends, Shannon Thunderbird, Keshia Chanté, Coral Egan and Jorane. The public is also invited to a pancake breakfast in front of the pavilion from 9:30 am – 10:30 am (while quantities last).

#### June 23-29: **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 featured in the public presentation of the Canada Pavilion who share their unique perspective on what it means to be Canadian. During his stay, Jean will interact with the public and take part in a virtual exchange the theme of diversity between the hosting staff members of both the pavilion and collaborating cultural institutions in Canada. On June 25 he will present his award-winning documentary *Arctic Mission* in the theatre at the United Nations Pavilion; and again on June 28 at the Nagoya Visual Arts school. To learn more about Jean's documentary 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.

#### June 26-July 2: **Idil Mussa**

Meet Idil Mussa, host of the children's television show Canadian Geographic Kids, who lives in Toronto, Ontario. As one of the six Canadians featured in the public presentation of the Canada Pavilion, she will spend time at the pavilion interacting with Expo visitors. Idil will also participate in a virtual exchange in the pavilion's Cyber Salon with a collaborating cultural institution in Canada. While visiting the Expo site, she will make a special stop at the Growing Village Pavilion, produced by Canadian John Gathright. Idil will also participate in the spectacular Canada Day concert at Expo Plaza on July 1. For more information on Idil 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 26 (11:30 am), 27-28, July 2 (2:30 pm): **Ceilidh Friends**

The Ceilidh Friends, named after the social gathering featuring music and dance at which they met, is a four-voice group from the Northwest Territories that performs traditional, modern and northern folk songs. Renowned for their intricate close-knit harmonies either *a capella* or with a varied instrumental accompaniment, they have performed at folk festivals across Canada and in the United States. Ceilidh Friends will also be featured in the July 1 Canada Day concert at Expo Plaza. Enjoy this unique taste of northern culture! For more information, please visit [www.celtarctic.com/ceilidh\\_friends\\_main.htm](http://www.celtarctic.com/ceilidh_friends_main.htm).

June 29: **Coral Egan (2:30 pm)**

Singer-songwriter Coral Egan's music shows influences culled from folk, soul, reggae, pop and jazz. Coral is the daughter of internationally acclaimed singer Karen Young. This Montréal-based artist's albums include a collection of jazz standards released in 2002 titled *The Path of Least Resistance* and the much more personal and eclectic *My Favorite Distraction* released in 2003, both nominated for prestigious Canadian music awards. In the summer of 2004, she performed at the internationally renowned Montréal Jazz Festival. Coral will also be featured in the Canada Day festivities at Expo Plaza on July 1. Discover this talented songstress at Expo 2005! For more info and MP3 samples, please visit [www.coralegan.com](http://www.coralegan.com).

June 30: **Keshia Chanté (2:30 pm)**

This 16-year-old Ottawa native burst onto the music scene in 2003 and instantly grabbed the attention of both the music industry and fans. At the tender age of 14, Keshia Chanté signed a record deal with BMG records and has been recording and releasing singles ever since. Her style blends urban grooves, dance rhythms and melodic hooks. Be sure to catch this multiple award-winning superstar-in-the-making as she performs before a Japanese public for the first time. Keshia will also be featured in the Canada Day festivities at Expo Plaza on July 1. For more information on Keshia Chanté and to hear MP3 samples, please visit [www.keshiachante.com](http://www.keshiachante.com).

June 30: **Shannon Thunderbird**

Shannon Thunderbird is a member of the Gisbutwada (Orca) clan of the Tsimshian people. An Aboriginal singer, storyteller, poet, speaker and educator from Victoria, British Columbia, Shannon re-tells the history, culture and spirituality of First Nations people with great wisdom. She captures her audiences through her passionate stories and native songs, delivering the universal messages of harmony, equality, dignity and respect for mankind. Shannon will be performing with Sandy Horne, renowned bassist with the Canadian rock band, "The Spoons". The pair will be appearing at Aichi Shukutoku University on June 30<sup>th</sup> and on the Global Common Stage 2 from July 4-7 at 2:30 pm. They will also be featured in the Canada Day festivities at Expo Plaza on July 1.

## Performing at the Expo Hall

June 28: **Jorane and Coral Egan (6:30 pm)**

Celebrate Canada Week with two of Montréal, Québec's premier female artists. Jorane, internationally acclaimed master cellist and vocalist, and singer-songwriter Coral Egan will be performing in the 400-seat Expo Hall. Tickets (free) will be distributed in front of Expo Hall starting at 9:00 am on June 28. Coral Egan and Jorane will also be featured in the Canada Day festivities at Expo Plaza on July 1.

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

### **June 27-28: Canada and Japan: Identities and Values Symposium**

The Association for Canadian Studies is hosting this diversity forum, which also marks Multiculturalism Day, celebrated in Canada on June 27. 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 hosted by Norman Moyer, Commissioner General for Canada at Expo 2005.

**Coming next week at the Canada Pavilion:** Enjoy the music of Ceilidh Friends, a four-person folk group from Yellowknife; don't miss a unique opportunity to listen to Aboriginal storytelling with Shannon Thunderbird from Victoria; check out the cool vibes of Ontario's DJ Gerald Bélanger, a member of nice + smooth ultramedia, a dynamic production agency; discover the art of Mathew Nuquingaq, Inuit performer from Iqaluit, Nunavut; a Canadian Electronic Music Trade Mission organized by the Association for Electronic Music (aemusic) with International Trade Canada will be hosted at the Canada Pavilion.

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

***Did you know...** April 5th was Canada's National Day at Expo 2005, however, July 1<sup>st</sup> is the national holiday designated to celebrate the 1867 formation of the Canadian federation. Canada's national holiday was established by statute in 1879, under the name Dominion Day. The name was changed to Canada Day in 1982.*