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Canada Pavilion celebrates Canada's Birthday on July 1st

The Canada Pavilion at Expo 2005 is proud to announce a special celebration of Canada's 138th birthday on July 1st.

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. The Canada Pavilion will be celebrating with a full day of activities and celebrations at Expo 2005.

- **9:30 am to 10:30 am in front of the Canada Pavilion:** The day will begin with a pancake breakfast in front of the Canada Pavilion. 1,500 visitors can sample pancakes with Canada's famous maple syrup.
- **12 noon to 2 pm Expo Plaza:** At the heart of the day will be a spectacular concert at Expo Plaza featuring several prominent Canadian artists hailing from across Canada. Spectators will enjoy a taste of Canada's rich cultural talent through performances by **Shannon Thunderbird**, Aboriginal storyteller from Victoria, British Columbia; **Ceilidh Friends**, a folk group from Yellowknife, Northwest Territories; master cellist **Jorane** and singer-songwriter **Coral Egan** both from Montréal, Québec; and **Keshia Chanté**, 16-year-old vocal powerhouse from Canada's capital.
- **2:30 pm to 4:30 pm:** Canadians are invited to drop by the Canada Pavilion's Manulife VIP Lounge for a special open house and a piece of birthday cake.
- **4:30 pm to 5:30 pm on the Global Common 2 Stage:** Singer-songwriter Coral Egan from Montréal will give a final performance to close the official Canada Day celebrations.

Other special guests at the Pavilion:

Idil Mussa from Toronto, Ontario is one of the six Canadians featured in the public presentation of the Canada Pavilion. She and a host of other Canadians will be present to help us celebrate.

The Canada Pavilion will also have the pleasure of receiving a group from Hiroshima (Montréal's sister city), as well as a delegation from Toyota Canada.

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