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## This Week at the Canada Pavilion

**This week:** It's Northwest Territories Week! Get a taste of Canada's Northern culture during this special theme week; meet celebrated Canadian chef Susur Lee from Ontario; discover the work of France Daigle, award-winning Acadian author from New Brunswick; the winner of the Canada Day Poster Challenge, Jennifer Truong, a 14 year old from Saskatchewan visits Expo; take in a performance by the Mount Pearl Show Choir, internationally acclaimed performing group from Newfoundland and Labrador.

*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 26 and 28: **The Canada Pavilion welcomes the winner of the Canada Day Poster Challenge**

Jennifer Truong, a 14 year old from Regina, Saskatchewan, is this year's national winner of the Canada Day Poster Challenge! This year, close to 7,500 students submitted posters that illustrate their pride in Canada and in being Canadian. Jennifer's winning entry is entitled "The hardships of the pioneers, explorers, and the First Nations led to the creation of the wonderful nation we know as Canada today." Jennifer and her family will visit Expo 2005 on July 26 and 28 as part of the grand prize.

### Performing on the Global Common 2 Stage

#### July 27: **Mount Pearl Show Choir (1:15 pm)**

The Mount Pearl Show Choir is an internationally acclaimed performing group based in the city of Mount Pearl, Newfoundland and Labrador. The Show Choir is composed chiefly of students, each one an accomplished singer and dancer, from Mount Pearl Intermediate and Mount Pearl Senior High Schools. The group has performed locally, nationally and internationally, and has been the recipient of many awards and acknowledgements. Among other distinctions, their recent musical initiative, the *Threnody Peace Education Project*, was produced under the patronage of Her Excellency the Right Honourable Adrienne Clarkson, Governor General of Canada. Don't miss the chance to see this talented group of young adults whose mandate it is to promote and enhance Canadian values and culture through music. For more information on the Mount Pearl Show Choir, please visit [www.mountpearlshowchoir.com](http://www.mountpearlshowchoir.com).

## Visiting This Week in the Manulife VIP Lounge of the Canada Pavilion

### July 25-29: Northwest Territories Week

In an effort to promote links between Japan and the Northwest Territories, the Canada Pavilion will host this special theme week. Several VIP guests will be present, including the Honourable Joseph L. Handley, Premier of the Northwest Territories, who will give media a sneak preview of the week's special activities on Monday July 25, at 5:45 pm. The five-day event will bring together Canadian officials and Japanese business people through a series of visits, presentations and receptions. Special events include a fashion show on July 26 at 6:00 pm featuring Jacques Cartier Clothier, and his collection of garments made of Qiviuk (musk ox hair), as well on July 26 and July 27 various tourism receptions will be held highlighting the Aurora Borealis and the NWT as a world-class tourism destination. Harry Winston is planning a Canadian Diamond Event on July 28 at 6:00 pm for VIP guests, as well as activities featuring several NWT storytellers and artisans. On Friday, July 29 at approximately 4:00 pm, a lucky visitor will be awarded an Air Canada trip for two to Yellowknife, NWT.

### July 24: Chef Susur Lee visits the Canada Pavilion

Susur Lee, one of Canada's most celebrated chefs, will visit Expo 2005 to meet with the young chefs of the Canada Pavilion and demonstrate a signature dish. Chef Lee will be accompanied by a Canadian television crew and a food journalist who will document his trip to Expo and other area attractions. Susur Lee grew up in Hong Kong and now resides and works in Toronto, Ontario. He receives rave reviews for his culinary talents and his restaurants are known as hotspots frequented by celebrities like Gérard Depardieu and Robin Williams. Chef Lee's visit is supported by the Japan National Tourist Organization and JAL. For more information on Susur visit [www.susur.com](http://www.susur.com).

### July 24: France Daigle

This award-winning Acadian author has published 10 novels to date, including the trilogy *Petites difficultés d'existence (Life's Little Difficulties)*, *Pas Pire (Just Fine)* and *Un fin passage (A Fine Passage)*, on top of her work in film, theatre and radio. She is the recipient of several prestigious literary awards. France Daigle read for a Francophile cultural study group in Aichi on July 17 and will also be appearing in the Manulife VIP Lounge at the Canada Pavilion on July 24 from 11:30 am to 1 pm. Don't miss this chance to get to know this award-winning author whose writing captures the spirit of Acadia.

**Coming next week at the Canada Pavilion:** Meet Kirt Ejesiak, one of our six Canadian storytellers as he visits the Canada Pavilion from August 3 - 8; experience the powerful story of Canada's First Nations through the hip-hop music of War Party; take part in the Manulife Junior Achievement Event for a day of cultural exchanges between Canadian and Japanese High school students. The Minister of Canadian Heritage and Minister responsible for the Status of Women, the Honourable Liza Frulla, responsible for Canada's participation in international expositions, is also expected to visit the Canada Pavilion from August 6 to 10.

**For more information, visit the Canada Pavilion Web site at**

#### ***Did you know...***

*More than 2 million visitors have already visited the Canada Pavilion and admired images of the famous Northern Lights. One of the best places to see the aurora borealis is in the Northwest Territories (NWT). This year, the NWT looks forward to welcoming more than 11,000 Japanese visitors.*

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