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This Week at the Canada Pavilion

This week: Meet the Minister of Canadian Heritage and Minister responsible for the Status of Women, the Honourable Liza Frulla as she visits the Canada Pavilion; meet Kirt Ejesiak, one of our six Canadian storytellers as he visits the Canada Pavilion; experience the powerful story of Canada's First Nations through the hip-hop music of War Party, from Alberta; witness a unique cultural exchange between high school students from Canada and Japan in the Manulife VIP Lounge.

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.

Special Events

August 6-10: Minister Liza Frulla

Minister of Canadian Heritage and Minister responsible for the Status of Women, the Honourable Liza Frulla will visit the Canada Pavilion and Expo to take part in public events, such as cultural performances. Prior to arriving in Nagoya where she will meet with government officials and directors of cultural institutions, Minister Frulla will take part in meetings with representatives from the government and members of the arts and culture community in Tokyo. The Department of Canadian Heritage is the Federal Department responsible for Canada's participation in international Expositions.

August 2-8: Kirt Ejesiak

Don't miss this chance to meet Kirt Ejesiak, co-owner of a communications company that provides broadband communications services to Inuit communities in Iqaluit, Nunavut – Canada's newest territory – 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, Kirt will spend much of his time on-site at the Pavilion greeting Expo visitors. For more information on Kirt, please visit the Six Storytellers section of the www.expo2005canada.gc.ca Web site.

Performing on the Global Common 2 Stage

August 6 to 11 (3:30 pm) and 12-13 (2:30 pm): War Party

War Party has been telling the powerful story of Canada's First Nations through hip-hop music since 1995. Through their music, they deliver a message of truth and reconciliation in a quest for change. War Party has attracted attention from across Canada and is considered the country's premier native rap group. Be sure to catch this award-winning aboriginal group as they kick off a weeklong series of performances at Expo 2005! For more information on War Party, please visit www.warparty.ca.

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

August 1: Manulife Junior Achievement Event (9:00 am)

High school students from Canada and Japan will meet at Expo 2005 for a day of cultural exchange and pavilion tours on July 31. On August 1 they will take part in a one-day Junior Achievement (JA) event held at the Canada Pavilion. This new interactive learning program developed by JA Canada titled "Dream Big: A Life Lesson with Tiger Woods" is designed to help students develop life goals. The Expo event will serve as a kick-off to the Dream Big program in Japan. This event will also serve to highlight the 50-year anniversary of Junior Achievement in Canada and the recent 75th anniversary of Canada-Japan diplomatic relations.

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Did you know...

Susur Lee, one of Canada's most celebrated chefs, visited Expo 2005 on July 25th, 2005. He met with the young chefs of the Canada Pavilion, demonstrated a signature dish and created two new canapés that are bound to become favourites at the Pavilion for the remainder of the Expo.