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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 Expo; join Kirt Ejesiak, one of our six Canadian storytellers as he visits the Canada Pavilion; see Canadian concert highlights on the big screen at Expo Plaza; experience the powerful story of Canada's First Nations through the hip-hop music of War Party from Alberta; find out about the preservation of international languages during a Manulife VIP Lounge event.

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 <u>info@expo2005canada.gc.ca</u>.

Special Events

August 6-9: Minister Liza Frulla

Minister of Canadian Heritage and Minister responsible for the Status of Women, the Honourable Liza Frulla will visit the Canada Pavilion to take part in special events, cultural performances and other Expo functions. Prior to arriving in Nagoya, Minister Frulla will take part in meetings with representatives from the government and members of the arts and culture community in Tokyo and Kyoto. As part of her visit to the Canada Pavilion, Minister Frulla will give the opening address at the *International Symposium on the World's Indigenous Languages*, hosted by the Department of Canadian Heritage. The Symposium will take place in the Manulife VIP Lounge from August 9-11.

Canadian Heritage is the Federal Department responsible for Canada's participation in International Expositions. It is responsible for national policies and programs that promote Canadian content, foster cultural participation, active citizenship and participation in Canada's civic life, and strengthen connections among Canadians. To learn more about Minister Frulla, visit her biography page at http://www.pch.gc.ca/pc-ch/min/index_e.cfm.

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.

August 7: **Canada Rocks! Canadian Concert Highlights at the Expo Plaza (12:00 pm)** The Canada Pavilion is pleased to present a lunch-time concert video featuring top Canadian musicians including internationally renowned performers Alanis Morissette, K.D. Lang, Jean Leloup, the Barenaked Ladies and many more. At noon on August 7th, Expo visitors are invited to the Expo Plaza to enjoy this 45-minute video presentation of various performances recorded at Canada Day celebrations and other concerts across Canada.

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 week-long 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 9-11: International Symposium on the World's Indigenous Languages

Coinciding with the United Nations' International Day of World Indigenous Peoples, the Department of Canadian Heritage, Government of Canada, is hosting a forum on endangered and indigenous languages at the Canada Pavilion. During the *International Symposium on the World's Indigenous Languages: Coming Together in Diversity,* participation experts and practitioners will discuss the revitalization, preservation and promotion of indigenous languages from international perspectives. This two-day invitational symposium will include presentations from Asia, Australia, New Zealand, Africa, South America and North America, as well as working group meetings. The Honourable Liza Frulla, Minister of Canadian Heritage and Minister responsible for Status of Women, will deliver the opening address on August 9 at 9:45 am. For more information on the Symposium please visit <u>http://www.pch.gc.ca/iswil-silim/</u>.

August 12: Girl Guides of Canada - Kelowna Kasugai Konnection 2005 (11:00 am)

A Girl Guides group from Kelowna in British Columbia, will be hosting local Girl Guides groups from their sister city of Kasugai, in Aichi for the Guiding and Our Environment Day, taking place in the Canada Pavilion Manulife VIP Lounge. The event aims to develop friendships with the Japan Scouting community; demonstrate how the Guiding program involves activities focusing on the environment; and to show others how the Okanagan Mountain Forest Fire of 2003 affected their community. For more information about the Girl Guides of Canada please visit http://www.girlguides.ca/.

August 12: Keiko Miyamatsu-Saunders (6:00 pm)

The Canada Pavilion is pleased to host this Literary Arts Program event, which will feature Toronto-based author Keiko Miyamatsu-Saunders talking on the theme of same-sex marriage. Ms. Saunders will share her perspective on this issue as documented in her book *Canada's Sexual Minorities*. The event will also include excerpts from the Canadian documentary "Why Thee Wed."

Coming next week at the Canada Pavilion: Enjoy the beautiful sounds of Vancouver-based John Gilliat and his acoustic guitar; see a special screening of Linda Ohama's film *Obaachan's Garden* in the Manulife VIP Lounge.

For more information, visit the Canada Pavilion Web site at www.expo2005canada.gc.ca

Did you know... General Colin Powell, former American Secretary of State, visited the Canada Pavilion, July 20th, 2005. Visit the What's New section on the <u>www.expo2005canada.gc.ca</u> Web site to find out more!