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This Week at the Canada Pavilion

This week: Catch “Canada’s Singing Cowgirl” Marilyn Faye Parney, an award-winning international recording artist/songwriter/entertainer from Dalmeny, Saskatchewan; don’t miss DobaCaracol, a 6-piece world music ensemble based in Montréal, Québec; prize-winning children’s author Marie-Francine Hébert, also from Montréal, reads in the Manulife VIP Lounge; the National Film Board of Canada hosts an animation workshop at the Canada Pavilion.

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.

Performing on the Global Common 2 Stage

September 4,5: **Marilyn Faye Parney (3:30 pm)**

Known as “Canada’s Singing Cowgirl”, Marilyn Faye Parney is a first-class performer from Saskatchewan whose country music and contagious energy truly reflect her Prairie roots. Marilyn, who is also a certified coach with the Canadian Equestrian Federation and an internationally renowned trainer and competitor, studied music at Canada’s prestigious Royal Conservatory. In 1997, she was named Saskatchewan’s “Country Music Entertainer and Songwriter of the Year,” and has been touring festivals in Canada, the United States and Australia non-stop ever since. Don’t miss this unique chance to discover the talent and personality of Marilyn Faye Parney as she brings a taste of the Prairies to Expo 2005! For more information on Marilyn Faye Parney, please visit www.marilynfayeparney.com.

September 5 (1:30 pm), 6 (3:30 pm), 7 - 8 (11:00 am): **DobaCaracol**

DobaCaracol, a 6-member world-music ensemble, was started in 1998 by friends Doba and Caracol (Doriane Fabreg and Carole Facal) and grew to include four more exceptionally talented musicians five years later. DobaCaracol is known for their highly imaginative, colourful and tasteful mixture of French and foreign language. This unique style lends itself beautifully to music, creating an alliance of organic and modern sound. Their new single “Étrange” from their latest album “Soley” (2005) is quickly climbing up the charts in Québec and in Canada. This year alone, DobaCaracol toured in Africa, Mexico, France, as well as the Québec summer festival circuit. They are preparing for a three-week tour of Australia this fall. DobaCaracol also had the honour of performing at LIVE8 in Barrie, Ontario this past July 2nd, alongside other top Canadian acts such as Brian Adams, Barenaked Ladies, Blue Rodeo and Neil Young. For more information on DobaCaracol,

please visit www.dobacaracol.com .

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

September 9 (11:00 am – 12:30 pm): **Children's Literary Event**

Montréal-based author, playwright and screenwriter Marie-Francine Hébert has been enchanting the public, young and old, for over twenty years. She is the author of several well-known books for children and teenagers, including *Nul poisson où aller* and *Le ciel tombe la nuit*. She will be teaming up with Fukuoka-based African-Canadian writer-illustrator Joel Assogba for a special literary event for students, francophones and other invited guests in the Manulife VIP Lounge. Joel will be reading from his trilingual book, "Niji no kodomo tachi" - *The Rainbow's Kids* – a colourful message book which encourages children to accept differences and to live in peace. Marie-Francine will read from her award-winning book, *Nul poisson où aller*, which deals with the human drama of war and reminds us that hope, as well as violence, lives inside of the heart of humanity.

September 10-12 : **NFB Animation Workshop and Contest Winner Visit**

The National Film Board of Canada holds an animation workshop for young Japanese and Canadians in the Manulife VIP Lounge. Led by Canadian animator Theodore Ushev (currently making a film at the NFB) and Japanese animator Maya Yonesho, it will enable young participants to share ideas and work together to create an auteur-type animated film on the theme of diversity. The Canada Pavilion is also happy to host Olivier Breton, the young winner of the *In Vivo* competition, which invited participants to make a digital animated film on the theme of diversity and win a week for two at Expo 2005 in Aichi, Japan. Olivier will present his film at the beginning of the workshop. For more information on the project, go to www.nfb.ca/aichi .

Coming next week at the Canada Pavilion: Don't miss 14-year-old blues virtuoso from Peterborough, Ontario Jimmy Bowskill; see a performance by composer and flutist Ron Korb along with composer, singer and pianist Laila Biali, both from Toronto, Ontario; check out the Manulife Model UN Forum; enjoy a show featuring Justus, a vibrant performing group from Mississauga, Ontario and learn about this city during Mississauga Day in the Manulife VIP Lounge.

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

Did you know...

One of the Canada Pavilion's own, Solotech colleague and technician Paul Vanier from Montréal, Québec, is proud to present his photo exhibit "First Step" at the Photosalon St.Lou in Shinsakae from September 6 – 15. Congratulations, Paul!