

During the course of its work, the Commission will review activities which have taken place under the terms of the Agreement since the first session held last year in Quebec City from the 8th to the 10th of December. During the past year, Belgo-Canadian cultural relations have been strengthened particularly in the areas of scholarship exchange, links established between Belgian and Canadian university faculties and in exchanges of professors. The Commission will establish for the coming years a reciprocal programme of exchanges and cultural promotion consistent with the orientations of Belgo-Canadian cultural co-operation. These orientations are aimed in particular at a growth in exchanges of persons in the academic and socio-cultural sectors and at an increase in the promotion of artistic creativity.

It is of interest to note that this meeting of the Commission in Brussels will coincide with the presentation in Belgium of two Canadian activities which are part of the Cultural Agreement:

- (i) a tour from the 13th to the 22nd of October of the Théâtre du Rideau Vert of Montreal which will present the play of the Acadian playwright, Antonine Maillet, "LA SAGOINE", at the Festival of Young Theatre of Liège as well as at Arlon, Brussels, Ottignies and Namur;
- (ii) an exhibition from the 21st of October to the 15th of November at the Canadian Cultural Centre in Brussels of a collection of 50 prints by 23 contemporary Canadian artists.