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MONTREAL SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Paul Martin, announced today that the Montreal Symphony Orchestra will give a series of concerts in France, Belgium and Switzerland in October. This tour will take place under the Canadian Government's programme of cultural exchanges with French-speaking countries. The Orchestra will go particularly to Paris, Bordeaux, Marseilles, Berne and Brussels, where Canada has diplomatic or consular missions.

Mr. Martin remarked that the visit of this important Canadian musical group to these three countries just before the centenary of Confederation and the World Exhibition in Montreal would help to draw the attention of the European public to these two forthcoming major Canadian events.