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CANADIAN PARTICIPATION IN THE COMMONWEALTH
ARTS FESTIVAL

The Right Honourable Joe Clark, Secretary of State for External Affairs, announced today Canada's participation in the 1986 Commonwealth Festival. The Festival, which runs simultaneously with the Commonwealth Games, will take place in Edinburgh, July 17 - August 2.

In the performing arts, Canada will be represented by K.D. Lang and the Reclines from Edmonton and Barkin' Kettle from St. John's.

General Idea of Toronto will mount its exhibit "P is for Poodle" at the National Gallery of Modern Art and Cheryl Samuel, a weaver from Victoria, will exhibit and conduct workshops at the Commonwealth Textile Exhibition.

At the Commonwealth Writers' Conference Canadian literature will be represented by writers Margaret Atwood, Graeme Gibson, Audrey Thomas, Alistair Macleod, Roch Carrier and Robert Kroetsch.

Altogether 800 artists from forty Commonwealth countries are expected to participate.

All of the Canadian participants have received grants from the Department of External Affairs. K.D. Lang and Barkin' Kettle were also supported by Alberta Culture and the Newfoundland Department of Culture, Recreation and Youth.

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