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CULTURAL GRANT AWARDED TO THE NATIONAL ARTS CENTRE ORCHESTRA OF CANADA

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, is pleased to announce that the National Arts Centre Orchestra has been awarded a \$75,000 grant to support its upcoming tour of the United States. The Honourable Paul Dick, Minister of Supply and Services presented the grant to the National Arts Centre Orchestra today in Ottawa, on behalf of Mr. Clark.

The grant to the NAC Orchestra is given under the International Cultural Relations Program of External Affairs and International Trade Canada. This program supports initiatives in the area of the arts, academic relations, sports and the exchange of young workers. Tours such as the one being undertaken by the NAC Orchestra contribute to the image of excellence in the fine arts.

Under the baton of Maestro Gabriel Chmura, the 46 member orchestra will begin its 13 concert tour on January 21, culminating with a performance at Carnegie Hall in New York. The Canadian soloist on this tour will be the pianist Louis Lortie.

AT&T is also contributing support to the tour.

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