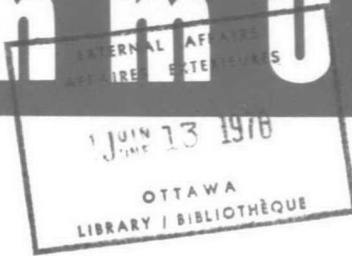


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CANADIAN PARTICIPATION IN THE BOLOGNA ART FAIR

Assisted by the Department of External Affairs, five Canadian visual arts organizations will be represented at the Bologna Art Fair taking place in Italy from June 1 to 6.

Funds have been allocated to four art magazines and to an association of seven galleries to participate in the Bologna Art Fair. The periodicals are: Parachute, a review of contemporary art and Vie des Arts, both of Montreal; the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design Press; and File Magazine produced by the Toronto group Art Metropole.

Members of ANNPAC (the Association of National Non-Profit Artists' Centres) will send materials and artists to the Italian fair. All constitute parallel or alternate galleries specializing in new forms of expression: Vehicle Art (Montreal), Powerhouse (Montreal), A Space (Toronto), the Music Gallery (Toronto), Western Front (Vancouver), Video Inn (Vancouver), and the Photographers' Gallery (Saskatoon).

The Department's financial contribution will help defray travel costs and assist with rental charges for display space at Bologna.

Selection of the Canadian participants is made on the recommendation of the Consultative Committee on Cultural Relations with foreign countries, which advises the Department of External Affairs on programmes involving the arts.

The Bologna Art Fair is a major annual art event and presents a world view of contemporary art. Dealers, private galleries and publishers are invited to display current works, art books and magazines.