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CANADIAN CONTEMPORARY PAINTERS

An exhibition of works from the Canada Council Art Bank,
presented by the Department of External Affairs, Canada
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This exhibition of contemporary paintings from Canada is the first major travelling show of its type to tour so extensively abroad. Other collections arranged by the Department of External Affairs, have introduced Canadian artists: "Canada - Art d'aujourd'hui" was sent to Paris, Brussels, Rome and London in the 1960's, and "Trajectoires" was seen in Paris in 1973. This new sampling of recent art will travel through the Pacific Rim countries and to Europe and North and South America over a period of 2½ years. Before leaving Canada, part of the collection was seen at public galleries in Toronto and Montreal.

The 21 works in the exhibition are drawn exclusively from the collection of the Art Bank of the Canada Council. Established in 1972, the Art Bank is administered by the Visual Arts Section of the Canada Council, a federally-funded grant giving body for the support of the arts and humanities in Canada. The purpose of the Art Bank is to recognize and assist contemporary Canadian artists through purchase of their work, and to expose Canadian art to the general public in government buildings across the country.

In selecting the exhibition, the concern was not to illustrate any particular trend in painting, or to follow a theme, nor even to give equal regional representation from across the country; it was rather to show seven innovative painters who have proved over the last ten years

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