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## MAJOR EUROPEAN TOUR BY THE NATIONAL ARTS CENTRE ORCHESTRA

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today announced a \$200 000 grant to the National Arts Centre Orchestra for a major European tour in February and March 1995.

The orchestra, under the direction of Artistic Director and Principal Conductor Trevor Pinnock, will perform in 15 different cities in seven countries. Appearing as guest soloists will be the renowned Canadian pianist, Louis Lortie, and the famous Swedish trumpeter, Hakan Hardenberger. The Orchestra's last tour of Europe was in 1990.

"I am pleased that the NAC Orchestra will be returning to Europe and that European audiences will again have an opportunity to experience the creativity and quality of its music. I am certain that the Orchestra will represent Canada with great distinction, and I wish Maestro Pinnock and the musicians a successful and rewarding tour," said Mr. Ouellet.

This grant is provided under the International Cultural Relations Program of the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade. The program supports initiatives abroad in the arts and higher education.

Funding for this initiative was provided for in the February 1994 federal budget and is therefore built into the existing fiscal framework.

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