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APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR OF THE CANADIAN CULTURAL CENTRE, LONDON

The Department of External Affairs announces the appointment of Curtis Barlow to the position of Cultural Counsellor and Director of the Canadian Cultural Centre in London, England. Mr. Barlow, who will succeed David Peacock as Director of the Centre, will take up his new responsibilities in September.

Mr. Barlow is an experienced arts professional, well-placed to represent Canada's interests abroad through enterprising and lively programs in Canada House and tours and exhibitions in the UK and Europe.

Mr. Barlow has been the Executive Director of the Professional Association of Canadian Theatres for the past nine years. As President of the Canadian Conference of the Arts for the past two years, he has served as the primary spokesperson for the arts and cultural industries.

His international experience is also substantial. As President of the Canadian Centre of the International Theatre Institute, he was a member of the ITI Executive Committee and led several Canadian delegations to ITI World Congresses. He was a delegate to the 1985 Cultural Forum of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe.

The Cultural Centre in London, under the direction of David Peacock, who is returning to Ottawa as Director of Arts Promotion in the Department of External Affairs, has built a solid reputation as a showcase for Canada's best visual and performing artists, filmmakers and writers.