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CULTURAL GRANT AWARDED TO  
LES BALLETS JAZZ DE MONTRÉAL

On behalf of the Right Honourable Joe Clark, the Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Monique Landry, Minister for External Relations and International Development, announced today that Les Ballets Jazz de Montréal has been awarded \$82,800 for their upcoming tour. From April 28 to June 7, 1989, they will give 25 performances in Japan, South Korea, Hong Kong, Macau, Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, Singapore and the Philippines.

The grant is given under the Department of External Affairs International Cultural Relations Program which embraces the arts, academic relations, sports and the exchange of young workers. By assisting such tours, the program contributes to the image of Canada as a dynamic and distinct nation. It thereby improves the likelihood of Canada being seen not only as a source of cultural excellence but as a source of excellence in goods and services and as a destination for tourism and foreign investment.

Les Ballets Jazz de Montréal was founded in 1972 by Geneviève Salbaing and is dedicated to creative interaction between all styles of dance adaptable to jazz music. During the past seventeen years, the company has toured in more than fifty countries, on five continents and participated in many international dance festivals.

In keeping with the Department of External Affairs policy of working with local, provincial and private organizations, this tour is funded in partnership with le Ministère des Affaires culturelles du Québec.

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