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GRANTS AWARDED TO FOUR CANADIAN ARTISTIC COMPANIES

On behalf of the Right Honourable Joe Clark, Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Jean-Guy Hudon, Member of Parliament for Beauharnois-Salaberry and Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of National Defence, today announced that four Canadian dance and theatre companies have been awarded grants totalling \$75,000 to participate in the Next Wave Festival to be held in New York from October 2 to December 9, 1990.

The Next Wave Festival of contemporary performing arts is recognized as the most influential event in the United States. Festival organizers visited Canada earlier this year and selected Carbone 14, Margie Gillis, O Vertigo and Théâtre Repère to perform, a week each, at the Brooklyn Academy of Music.

"It is a tribute to Canada's excellence in fine arts that these four companies have been invited to participate in such a prestigious event. I'm particularly pleased that through cooperation between the federal, provincial and municipal governments and the private sector, Canadian dance and theatre will be in the limelight in New York," Mr. Clark said.

The grants are provided under the International Cultural Relations Program of External Affairs and International Trade Canada. This program supports initiatives in the area of the arts, academic relations, international sports and the exchange of cultural personalities.

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