

### **Cultural relations abroad**

Canadian artists and works of art are becoming increasingly known to foreign audiences. This is part of a growing demand in many countries for access to the important creations, artists and ideas of other cultures. Canada's active program of cultural relations with other countries is designed to reflect abroad the creativity and scope of Canadian arts and to enrich Canadian cultural life. In many instances, the program is carried out under formal cultural agreements into which Canada has entered with other countries, but informal contacts also flourish. Canada also operates cultural centres in Paris, London, Brussels and New York and contributes to the Canadian Cultural Institute in Rome.

Cultural relations extend to universities abroad where Canadian studies (teaching, research and publication) are encouraged, to promote a broader understanding of Canada, its history, literature, geography and political structure.