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CANADA TAKES PART IN TRINATIONAL CREATIVE ARTISTS' RESIDENCIES PROGRAM

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today announced in Washington the creation of the Canada/United States/Mexico Creative Artists' Residencies Program. Mr. Ouellet made the announcement following a meeting with Jane Alexander, Chairman of the U.S. National Endowment for the Arts, and Rafael Tovar, President of Mexico's National Council for Culture and the Arts.

"We believe the program will enhance international exposure for our artists," said Mr. Ouellet. "It will increase the visibility and creative opportunities of Canadian artists in the United States and Mexico, which will benefit our respective countries and reinforce Canada's distinct identity."

The two-month residencies are designed to enable Canadian artists to develop close links with colleagues and audiences in the United States and Mexico. The residencies program will also benefit Canadian artists and arts organizations by making American and Mexican artists available to them. Each year, the program will involve approximately 60 artists, 20 from each country. The first Canadian residencies will take place in 1995.

The Canada Council will administer Canadian participation in this program on behalf of the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade.

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