

2001 GAMES

Ottawa-Hull

The arts

Artists will compete in eight categories: singing, storytelling, dance, literature, painting, photography, sculpture and busking. Canada's team will feature Polly-Esther (a singing group from Saskatoon), Quebec storyteller Frédéric Pellerin, DansEncorps (a New Brunswick troupe), poet Stefan Psenak of Joliette, Quebec, painter Phil Irish of Waterloo, Ontario, photographer Geneviève Ruest of Ottawa, sculptor Amanda Schoppel of Barrie, Ontario, and the CORPUS company of Montréal.

Super Francofête

The festivities would not be complete without an ambitious cultural program. To be held in the Ottawa-Hull region from June 24 to July 24, the Super Francofête promises to be a dazzler. Performances, exhibits, food festivals, theme pavilions, plays and many other activities will immerse visitors in the cultures of Francophonie from around the world. The Super Francofête will be the most impressive cultural program that La Francophonie has ever seen.

Luc Plamondon

The Super Francofête will honour Luc Plamondon, the brilliant composer of the rock opera *Starmania*, the musical spectacular *Notre-Dame de Paris* (currently playing to full houses around the world) and dozens of songs, some of which have become international hits. Luc Plamondon composed the theme song for the 2001 Games: *L'un avec l'autre*.

Web and TV coverage

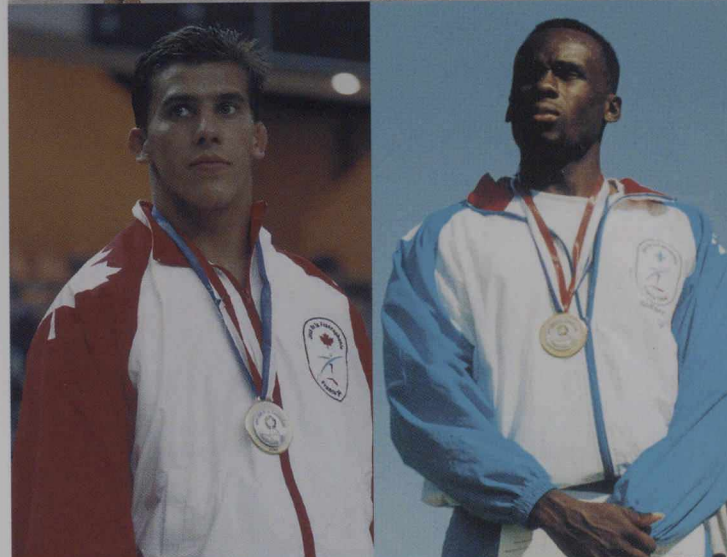
Two Web sites carry detailed information about the Games and the Super Francofête: <http://www.jeux2001.ca> and <http://www.pch.gc.ca/francophonie2001/english.htm>

The official broadcaster of the Games is the French-language CBC television network. In addition, the French-language news channel RDI will devote 6.5 hours of air time daily to the Games, from 9:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. And in a 30-minute broadcast every evening, RDI will interview personalities associated with La Francophonie and the Games. For the programming schedule in your area, consult your local TV listings. ●

Francophonie Summit

The IX Summit of La Francophonie will be held this year in Beirut, Lebanon, from October 26 to 28. This will be the first Francophonie Summit to take place in the Middle East. Here is the line-up of previous summits:

- Moncton, Canada, 1999 (52 states and governments)
- Hanoi, Vietnam, 1997 (47 states and governments)
- Cotonou, Benin, 1995 (47 states and governments)
- Mauritius, 1993 (47 states and governments)
- Chaillot, France, 1991 (45 states and governments)
- Dakar, Senegal, 1989 (44 states and governments)
- Québec City, Canada, 1987 (41 states and governments)
- Versailles, France, 1986 (41 states and governments)



For more information on the history of La Francophonie, outcomes of previous summits, and the importance and role of La Francophonie, visit the following Web sites:

- Organisation internationale de la Francophonie
<http://www.francophonie.org>
- Agence intergouvernementale de la Francophonie
<http://agence.francophonie.org>
- La francophonie canadienne
<http://www.francophonie.ca>
- La francophonie planétaire
<http://www.cam.francophonie.org>