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CANADA TO BE FEATURED AT HOLLAND FESTIVAL

The Honourable Monique Vézina, Minister for External Relations, announced today that the Government of Canada is providing grants totalling \$425,000 to enable more than 20 groups of Canadian performing artists, visual artists, and writers to participate in the Holland Festival, June 1-30, 1985.

1985 is the 40th anniversary of the liberation of the Netherlands in which Canadian forces played a major role. In the 40 years since 1945, many other links have been forged, including strong cultural ties. Amsterdam in particular is known to Canadians for its museums, art galleries, one of the world's great orchestras, and its innovative theatre and dance. Amsterdam also is known for the Holland Festival--a month-long celebration of the performing, visual and literary arts. The Festival emphasizes contemporary art and artists and specializes in breaking new cultural ground.

Three years ago Canada accepted with great pleasure the official Dutch invitation to feature Canada at the Holland Festival in 1985. The Festival Director has assembled an impressive and exciting program called "The Arts of Canada".

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