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CULTURAL GRANT AWARDED FOR CANADIAN PARTICIPATION IN THE VENICE BIENNALE

The Honourable Barbara McDougall, Secretary of State for External Affairs, is pleased to announce that the Department has awarded a grant of \$57,500 toward Canada's participation in the Venice Biennale, Italy, June 13 to October 10, 1993.

The Robin Collyer exhibition project, proposed by Philip Monk, Curator of the Ontario Art Gallery, has won a national competition to represent Canada at the Venice Biennale. As the winner of the competition, launched by invitation and organized by the Canada Council on behalf of the International Cultural Relations Bureau of the Department of External Affairs and International Trade Canada, Mr. Monk becomes Canada's official Commissioner at the Biennale and will be responsible for the presentation of the Collyer exhibition. Through its Director, Dr. Glen D. Lowry, the Ontario Art Gallery has agreed to sponsor the exhibition project.

Robin Collyer is an internationally known Toronto artist. His sculptures are made from industrial and commercial components combined with the signage from advertising, television, newspaper and packaging.

The Robin Collyer exhibition will be presented in the Canadian Pavilion on the actual site of the Biennale, where 50 other countries will also be represented.

The National Gallery of Canada and the Canada Council will also contribute financially toward Canada's participation in Venice.

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