



Canadian Heritage: *Creating Canada Together*

The Canadian Heritage family, which includes the Department of Canadian Heritage, the Canada Council for the Arts, the CBC and other major national cultural institutions, plays a key role in the cultural and civic life of Canadians.



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Cultural Capitals of Canada

Cultural activities contribute greatly to the quality of life Canadians enjoy. The Cultural Capitals of Canada program enables communities to invest more in arts and culture, to improve cultural services, and to strengthen connections with other communities through shared cultural experiences. Regina, Kelowna, Owen Sound, Powell River, and Lethbridge (in partnership with Drumheller, Canmore, Crowsnest Pass and Fernie) won the competition to be Canada's Cultural Capitals for 2004.

We work together to promote culture, arts, heritage, official languages, citizenship and participation, multiculturalism, Aboriginal, youth and sport initiatives.

Canadian Heritage fosters creativity, innovation, linguistic duality and cultural diversity with a view to connecting Canadians to each other and the world.

From the 2004 Juno Awards in Edmonton to the 400th anniversary celebrations of Acadia, and from Aboriginal youth initiatives in Winnipeg to support for cultural festivals in communities all the way from the Yukon to Newfoundland & Labrador, our programs, policies and services are about *Creating Canada Together*.

To assist you, Canadian Heritage has offices in every province and territory. To learn more, please visit our Web site at: www.canadianheritage.gc.ca or telephone: 1 866 811-0055.

The Canadian Heritage Portfolio

- Department of Canadian Heritage
- Canada Council for the Arts
- Canada Science and Technology Museum
- Canadian Broadcasting Corporation
- Canadian Museum of Civilization
- Canadian Museum of Nature
- Canadian Race Relations Foundation
- Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC)
- National Archives of Canada
- National Arts Centre
- National Battlefields Commission
- National Capital Commission
- National Film Board of Canada
- National Gallery of Canada
- National Library of Canada
- Public Service Commission
- Public Service Staff Relations Board
- Status of Women Canada
- Telefilm Canada

Sport As a nation, we have a lot to celebrate in the area of sport.

Take for example Vancouver and Whistler's winning bid to host the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games. The Government's ongoing investment to promote physical activity and excellence in sport underscores Canada's commitment to becoming a leading sport nation by the year 2010.

Canadian Culture Online

Canadian Heritage encourages a unique Canadian presence on the Internet, in both English and French. To achieve that goal, we have created a group of programs known as Canadian Culture Online. These programs help creators and communities, cultural industries and institutions to develop and promote digital content that reflects our culture, history, arts and heritage.

