

Factoids, Creative Canada

element: The imagination and originality of our artists working in literature, music, film, theatre, dance, the visual arts, etc. (continued)

message: Canada Supports an Eclectic Community of Artists

Between 1994 and 1995, 493 not-for-profit professional performing arts groups existed in Canada

- They provided 37,000 performances to 14 million people
- The private sector funded \$70 million to these groups

Canada has more than 100 professional dance companies

The Canadian National Ballet Company has more than 60 dancers. Also:

- It has a full symphony orchestra of its own
- It is the only Canadian company to present a complete range of traditional full length classics

Karen Kain became the principal dancer for the Canadian National Ballet Company one year after graduating

- Now she is retired, but she was a guest with many world premier ballet groups

Glenn Gould became a world renowned classical pianist

- He was also a radio and television broadcaster, a producer, writer, and supporter of electronic media

Oscar Peterson was a jazz pianist. He:

- recorded over 80 albums during his 47 years in the recording business
- was inducted into the Juno Awards Hall of Fame in 1978
- was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award in 1996

The National Gallery of Canada:

- was built in 1988
- has 1200 permanent works on view
- has the world's most extensive collection of Canadian art
- exemplifies the place of art in Canadian life, and the place of Canadians in the world of art

Tom Thomson died before the name "Group of Seven" was coined

Other Canadian painters include Ted Harrison, Robert Bateman, David Milne, Emily Carr, Frank Carmichael, Alex Colville, Jack Bush, Lemieux, Riopelle

Canada produces many comedians, such as Martin Short, Dan Ackroyd, Rick Moranis, John Candy, Catherine O'Hara, Jim Carrey, Mike Myers, Eugene Levy

Popular Canadian TV shows include SCTV, Kids In The Hall, CODCO, This Hour has 22 Minutes, and Royal Canadian Air Farce

Canadian actors include Donald & Kiefer Sutherland, Michael J. Fox, Keanu Reeves, and Margo Kidder