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THE VANCOUVER SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA TO RECEIVE \$200,000

The Honourable Monique Vézina, Minister for External Relations, announced today that the Government of Canada would provide a \$200,000 grant to the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra. This support will enable the Orchestra to go on tour in Japan, from June 16 to 27, 1985, during which time it will give a series of ten concerts.

The itinerary will include the following cities: Tsukuba, June 16; Tokyo, June 18; Shizuoka, June 19; Gifu, June 20; Numazu, June 21; Yokohama, June 22; Chofu, June 23; Osaka, June 25; Akashi, June 26; and Wakayama, June 27.

Kazuyoshi Akiyoma, former Conductor of the Orchestra for more than ten years and internationally renowned, will be the Principal Conductor for the tour. Derek Inouye, born in Vancouver and Music Director of the Regina Symphony Orchestra since 1984, has also been invited to conduct the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra on the tour. Three Canadian soloists will be performing as guest artists: Delia Wallis, mezzo-soprano; the young pianist Yuval Fichman; and Jon Kimura Parker, who recently won the Leeds International Piano Competition.

The Vancouver Symphony Orchestra's tour is also sponsored by the Province of British Columbia, the City of Vancouver and the private sector.

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