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JEUNESSES MUSICALES OF CANADA RECEIVES A CULTURAL GRANT

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Barbara McDougall, is pleased to announce that a grant of \$33,800 has been made to Jeunesses musicales of Canada to enable 10 young Canadian musicians to participate in two tours scheduled by Jeunesses musicales Orchestra in the summer of 1991 and the winter of 1991-92. The Honourable Jean Charest, Member of Parliament for Sherbrooke and Minister of the Environment, presented the grant to Youth and Music Canada today on behalf of Mrs. McDougall.

The grant is made under the International Cultural Relations Program, which is a part of External Affairs and International Trade Canada. This program supports activities in the arts, education and sports and exchanges of cultural personalities. Tours such as those of Jeunesses musicales Orchestra, help to promote excellence in Canadian cultural creativity both nationally and internationally.

An initiative of Jeunesses musicales of Canada led to the founding of the World Orchestra in Canada in 1970. Consisting of young musicians between the ages of 18 and 23, the Orchestra meets every year in a different country. This year, 10 young Canadian musicians will take part in Jeunesses musicales World Orchestra's two tours: the first, from August 1 to 14, in Sweden, Denmark, Poland and some Baltic countries; and the second, from December 27, 1991 to January 10, 1992, in Germany.

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