

AMERICAS

DATE	EVENT / PLACE	DESCRIPTION
24/04/97	"The Hobbit", by Théâtre Sans Fil Oak Harbor College Oak Harbor, Ohio, USA	This Montréal based giant-puppet troupe performs J.R.R. Tolkien's "The Hobbit". They will also give a performance on 19/04/97 at the Performing Arts Center at Rockwell Hall, Buffalo State College in Buffalo, NY.
25/04/97	The Rankins Kentucky Center for the Arts Louisville, Kentucky, USA	East Coast folk group appears at major Kentucky venue.
27/04/97	Canadian Brass Macomb Center for the Performing Arts Mt. Clemens, Michigan, USA	The Canadian Brass likes to create an informal and playful atmosphere. And it knows how to draw a fine line between good musical fun and just plain hamming it up. It's also a virtuosic, Grammy-winning quintet that has single-handedly revolutionized brass music. The ensemble will also perform at the DAR Constitution Hall in Washington on 22/02/97.
28/04/97 02/05/97	Canada Week Franklin College Franklin, Indiana, USA	Celebration of Canadian film, theatre, literature and music.
00/05/97	Two Pianos, Four Hands Promenade Theatre New York, USA	Ed & David Mirvish take Canada's unequivocal gold-plated hit to New York. This two-man play starring Ted Dykstra and Richard Greenblatt shows how two men spent their respective youths learning how to be concert pianists.
02/05/97 10/05/97	"Cake Walk" Franklin College Franklin, Indiana, USA	Production of play by Montreal playwright Colleen Curran.
15/05/97	Rock & Roll Hall of Fame 1997 Induction Ceremonies Rock & Roll Hall of Fame and Museum Cleveland, Ohio, USA	Saskatchewan's Joni Mitchell to be inducted into Hall of Fame.
15/05/97 18/05/97	Robert Lepage's "Seven Streams of the River Ota" Performing Arts Chicago Chicago, USA	Directed by Robert Lepage and performed by the Ex Machina theatre ensemble from Canada, this is a drama in two parts, each filling one evening. This exquisite troupe of stage imagists bring together many of the central tragedies of the 20th century - AIDS, Hiroshima, the Holocaust - to find survival amidst the suffering and healing in reviewing the messages of history.
07/05/97	Gordon Gietz Alice Tully Hall New York, USA	Canadian tenor sings title role in the opera "Beatrice & Benedict".

OPENING OF THE CANADA-CHINA EXHIBITION HALL

December 16, 1996 marked the opening of the *Canada-China Exhibition Hall* in the *Museum of National History* in Tiananmen Square, Beijing. The Hall will be a permanent showcase of the collaborative project of the *Canadian Foundation for the Preservation of Chinese Cultural and Historical Treasures*, the *State Bureau of Cultural Relics*, and the *Chinese Museum of National History*. *Minister of International Trade Art Eggleton* and *Mr. Wang Guangying*, Vice-Chair of the *Standing Committee* of the National People's Congress represented the two governments at the event which received good coverage by the Chinese and Canadian media.