

In all, 31 countries will participate in the Venice Biennial, which will celebrate its centenary in 1995. Canada has been a participant since 1952 and has had its own pavilion since 1957.

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