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## THE NATIONAL BALLET OF CANADA TO RECEIVE \$275,000

The Honourable Monique Vézina, Minister for External Relations, announced today that the Government of Canada would provide a \$275,000 grant to The National Ballet of Canada. This support will enable the company to go on tour from May 11 to June 23, 1985, during which time it will give a series of 25 performances in Luxembourg, Federal Republic of Germany, Switzerland, Italy and The Netherlands.

The itinerary will include the following cities: Luxembourg, May 13 - 14; Berlin, May 17 - 18; Ludwigshafen, May 20 to 23; Leverkusen, May 23; Wiesbaden, May 25 - 26; Zurich, May 28 - 29; Stuttgart, June 2 - 3; Munich, June 6 - 7; Milan, June 11 to 18; and Amsterdam, June 21 - 22.

Among those, the company will open the Zurich June Festival in the newly restored Opernhaus theatre. The National Ballet will make its first appearance at two of the greatest opera houses of Europe: The Munich Opera House and Teatro alla Scala, in Milan. The Company will have the opportunity to participate in The Holland Festival which, features "The Arts in Canada". These events include different projects in the field of performing arts, literature, film and television.

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The Department of External Affairs grant to the National Ballet is part of the Promotional Program for Canadian Arts abroad. This program supports the exposure internationally of Canadian Cultural events of high calibre. This tour is also sponsored by the Ontario Ministry of Citizenship and Culture, as well as the private sector.

The Minister also wishes to congratulate The National Ballet of Canada for its brilliant successes under the artistic direction of Mr. Erik Bruhn.

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