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## GRANT OF \$300,000 TO THE TORONTO SYMPHONY

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark announced today that the Government will provide a \$300,000 grant to the Toronto Symphony. This grant will assist the orchestra to undertake a nine-country European tour from August 24 to September 19, 1986. During its tour, the orchestra will play seventeen concerts in Scotland, Ireland, England, Wales, the Federal Republic of Germany, the Netherlands, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, Sweden and France.

The Symphony will open its tour with two performances at the Edinburgh Festival on August 24 and 28, and will continue with performances in Dublin on August 29 and August 30, in London on September 1, in Cardiff on September 3, in Bonn on September 5, in Eindhoven on September 6, in Ghent on September 8, in Brussels on September 9, in Copenhagen on September 10, in Helsinki on September 11 and 12, in Stockholm on September 14, in Gothenburg on September 15, in Malmö on September 16; the final concert of the tour will be in Paris on September 18. The talented young Canadian pianist Louis Lortie will play with the Symphony at nine of its performances.

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The concert in London will be broadcast by the BBC in its series of "Henry Wood Promenade Concerts" known worldwide as "The Proms". The Symphony's stops in Denmark, Finland and Sweden represent the first appearance of a major Canadian cultural organization in the Nordic countries.

The grant by the Department of the External Affairs to the Toronto Symphony is being made under the International Arts Promotion Program. This program supports the exposure internationally of Canadian cultural events of high calibre. The tour is also supported by the Ontario Ministry of Citizenship and Culture and the Symphony has also successfully obtained significant sponsorship from the private sector.

The Minister takes great pleasure in congratulating the Symphony for the world-class reputation it has obtained under the gifted leadership of its Music Director, Andrew Davis.

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