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CULTURAL GRANT AWARDED TO THE CANADIAN CHAMBER ENSEMBLE

AND SOLOIST ANGÈLE DUBEAU

On behalf of the Right Honourable Joe Clark, Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. John Reimer, Member of Parliament for Kitchener, Ontario, announced today that the Canadian Chamber Ensemble of Kitchener has been awarded \$105,000 for its upcoming tour. The Ensemble will give 14 performances in Argentina, Chile, Uruguay and Venezuela from May 30 to June 19, 1989. Québec violinist Angèle Dubeau will be guest soloist during the tour.

The grant has been awarded under External Affairs' International Cultural Relations Program which embraces the arts, academic relations, sports and the exchange of young workers. By assisting such tours, the program contributes to the image of Canada as a dynamic and distinct nation, a source not only of cultural excellence but also of world class goods and services, and as a destination for tourism and foreign investment.

The Canadian Chamber Ensemble comprises the sixteen principal musicians of the Kitchener-Waterloo Symphony. Under the direction of celebrated conductor Raffi Armenian, the Canadian Chamber Ensemble offers a varied and entertaining concert repertoire to delight both the chamber music connoisseur and the newcomer to the world of classical music. The Ensemble has received numerous awards and nominations for its recordings on the Cantabile and CBC labels.

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Guest soloist Angèle Dubeau is a well known Québec violinist whose reputation is firmly established in Canada and abroad. Ms. Dubeau recently completed a tour in Asia to excellent reviews.

In keeping with the Department of External Affairs' policy of working with local, provincial and private organizations, this tour is funded in partnership with the Ministry of Culture and Communications, Province of Ontario and le ministère des Affaires culturelles du Québec.