



### In Manitoba ...

- Winnipeg hosted Canada's annual music celebration—the Juno Awards—in 2005, showcasing the region's musical talent to a national audience.
- 400 youth experienced another community, language or culture in 2003/04 through our Youth Exchanges Canada program.
- The Canada Council for the Arts granted \$6.1 million to 86 arts organizations and 58 artists in 2003/04.
- 49 amateur athletes were funded through our Athlete Assistance Program in 2004.
- 16,545 students enrolled in French immersion in 2002/03, roughly 10 times the number in the late 1970s.
- Information on 200 Manitoba museums, including virtual exhibits, is available online at [www.virtualmuseum.ca](http://www.virtualmuseum.ca).
- The Winnipeg Art Gallery boasts the largest collection of contemporary Inuit art in the world.



The Canadian Heritage family, which includes the Department of Canadian Heritage, the Canada Council for the Arts, the CBC and other major national cultural institutions, plays a key role in the cultural and civic life of Canadians.

We work together to promote culture, arts, heritage, official languages, citizenship and participation, multiculturalism, Aboriginal, youth, and sport initiatives. Canadian Heritage fosters creativity, innovation, linguistic duality and cultural diversity with a view to connecting Canadians to each other and the world.

### Highlights

#### *Lights, camera, learn!*

For almost 10 years, Freeze Frame has enabled Manitoba youth and their families to experience film and video that reflects the diversity and culture of our great country. Through activities such as hands-on workshops and post-screening discussions, Freeze Frame transforms its viewers into active filmgoers. Bravo! Canadian Heritage helps make this learning experience possible.

#### *Equality For All*

In October 2004, the African Canadian Disability Community Association brought together people with disabilities from ethno-cultural communities to discuss the issues and challenges they encounter. Canadian Heritage was proud to support this event as an important stepping stone towards equality for all people with disabilities.

#### *Home Sweet Home*

In November 2004, arts and culture in south-east Manitoba got a boost when Gretna became home to a performance and recording arts venue—now considered one of the best small halls in Western Canada. Known for its excellence in music and drama, the Gretna community raised the

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funds needed to build this state-of-the-art facility. Through Cultural Spaces Canada, Canadian Heritage was pleased to work alongside to equip the venue with specialized sound, lighting and communication equipment.

#### *En français s'il-vous-plait !*

With support from Canadian Heritage, two *centres de la petite enfance* opened their doors in Manitoba communities in 2004. These centres provide quality French services and programs to parents and are a place for preschool francophone children to play and learn together. Supporting the development of children is key in the continued growth of the francophone community.

#### *Celebrating Culture*

The 2004 Winnipeg Aboriginal Film and Video Festival is a unique opportunity to enjoy the work of Aboriginal filmmakers and videographers. This event is both a celebration of Aboriginal customs and culture and an opportunity for local youth to learn about career possibilities in media arts. Canadian Heritage is pleased to promote such an enriching event!

*Statistics are from various federal and provincial sources, and are the most recent available at time of publication. For more information, visit our Web site at [www.canadianheritage.gc.ca](http://www.canadianheritage.gc.ca)*

