



### In the NWT ...

- In 2004/05, the Government of Canada contributed \$968,000 toward French-language instruction in schools through the Canada-Northwest Territories Agreement.
- 58 youth experienced another community, language or culture in 2003/04 through our Youth Exchanges Canada program.
- To increase participation in quality sport activities at all levels in the territories, the Government of Canada is contributing more than \$500,000 over three years to support programs offered under the Pan-Territorial Sport Strategy: Northwest Territories Program.
- The Canada Council for the Arts granted \$158,000 to six arts organizations and 13 artists in 2003/04.
- Information on nine Northwest Territories museums, including virtual exhibits, is available online at [www.virtualmuseum.ca](http://www.virtualmuseum.ca).



The Canadian Heritage family, which includes the Department of Canadian Heritage, the Canada Council for the Arts, the CBC and our 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

*L'École Boréale—no longer just a dream!*  
The Northwest Territories' second francophone school is finally becoming a reality in 2005. L'École Boréale in Hay River will open its doors to 90 enthusiastic students who are eager to learn, play and grow speaking their mother tongue. Canadian Heritage is proud to support this important stepping stone to the continued growth of northern francophone communities.

*Racism. Stop It!*  
Canada's youth are speaking out against racism and Canadian Heritage is pleased to help their voices be heard. The Northwest Territories has had a strong showing in our National Video Competition over the past few years and 2005 was no exception! Once again, students from Sir John Franklin High School in Yellowknife produced one of the top 10 videos in the country thanks to their powerful work, "Racism... Stop It."

*Growing Stronger*  
With Canadian Heritage support, the Native Women's Association of NWT organized a two-day workshop highlighting *First Nations and Inuit Women's Perspectives on Resources Development*. Through sharing circles, group sessions and presentations, Aboriginal women were able to gain a

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better understanding of their rapidly changing environment. Participants gained valuable skills to play an even more active and equal role in northern development opportunities, while maintaining their family and community commitments.

*Arts and Culture*  
The Northwest Territories' arts and cultural scene is a strong artistic force in Canada. The Open Sky Festival and the Northern Arts Cultural Centre showcase this vital and vibrant side of the North. Festivals such as these also provide their communities with opportunities to experience cultures from across Canada. Canadian Heritage is proud to support these outreach initiatives and exchanges, enabling young and old to experience Canada's rich cultural diversity ... Bravo!

*Celebrate Canada!*  
From Inuvik to Yellowknife, Canada Day festivities are very much alive and going strong in the NWT. Youth and elders take part in activities ranging from bannock-making, harpoon throwing and northern games demonstrations to jamborees, a triathlon and music in the park. Let's continue to Celebrate Canada! together.

*Statistics are from various federal and territorial 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)*

