



In Prince Edward Island ...

- Information on 38 PEI museums, including virtual exhibits, is available online at www.virtualmuseum.ca.
- 4,223 students enrolled in French immersion in 2003/04, seven times the number enrolled in the late 1970s.
- 150 youth experienced another community, language or culture in 2003/04 through our Youth Exchanges Canada program.
- The Canada Council for the Arts granted \$33,000 to 14 arts organizations and 6 artists in 2003/04.
- 6 amateur athletes were funded through our Athlete Assistance Program in 2004.
- 22 heritage institutions proved to be popular destinations in 2002/03, attracting 320,000 visitors.



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

Confederation Centre of the Arts

The only national centre for the arts outside the nation's capital, the Confederation Centre of the Arts has been able to upgrade its aging equipment and facilities—some of which had fallen into disuse after 40 years of operation—with help from Cultural Spaces Canada. The Centre provides residents and visitors alike with a vibrant place for celebrating Canada's history and culture, and generated \$34 million in economic activity in 2003.

Arts Presentation Canada

The Festival of Lights in Charlottetown, the Indian River Festival in Kensington, and the Évangéline Bluegrass Festival in Abram-Village are just a few of the PEI festivals that have been funded by Canadian Heritage's Arts Presentation Canada program. The program's goal is to make it easier to access and experience Canada's cultural richness in communities throughout the country.

International Tea House

During the winter months, a number of PEI cultural groups get a chance to share

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their experiences via the International Tea House. The activity helps teach people about the Island's multicultural character and creates a sense of community belonging through educational, cultural and informational activities.

Célébrations de la Francophonie

The *Célébrations de la Francophonie* is a large-scale socio-cultural and educational activity that highlights PEI's Acadian and francophone culture. Activities are held in a number of Island communities to encourage citizens to show pride in their francophone heritage.

2004 Special Olympics

When it comes to national competitions, Canadian Heritage programs are often at work behind the scenes as well as assisting athletes. Funding from Official Languages Support Programs enabled PEI to provide services in both official languages at the 2004 Special Olympics Canada Winter Games.

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

