

# Celebrating EXCELLENCE!



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Dear friends,

My husband Jean-Daniel Lafond and I are delighted every time we have the opportunity to meet with you, as was the case recently in Ottawa at the opening of the exhibit for the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Order of Canada, on display at Library and Archives Canada, as well as in the Yukon, the final stop on our official tour of the provinces and territories. Our discussions and exchanges of viewpoints are, for me, a true source of enrichment and inspiration.

Many of you have told me that you want to continue your work, that your investiture is only the beginning, that it is important to reach out to people, youth among them. You have told me that the significance and meaning of the snowflake insignia must be explained. Because it symbolizes the best in each of us.

This year, the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Order of Canada gives us the opportunity to raise the profile of the most prestigious honour in the Canadian Honours System. We must continue our work in this area. For my part, I take every opportunity to highlight the commendable actions and expertise of the members of the Order of Canada. I am open to any suggestion or feedback from you about how to make Canadians more aware of the values — excellence, commitment and sharing — associated with the Order of Canada.

I look forward to seeing you soon in my travels!

Her Excellency the Right Honourable  
Michaëlle Jean, C.C., C.M.M., C.O.M., C.D.  
Governor General of Canada



Photo: Sgt. Eric Jolin, Rideau Hall

Her Excellency the Right Honourable Michaëlle Jean with members of the Order of Canada in Whitehorse, during her first official visit to the territory. Members left to right: Dr. Sheila Rose, C.M., Sandra Christine Journeaux-Henderson, C.M., Ted Harrison, C.M., and Jim Robb, C.M.

## ORDER OF CANADA INVESTITURE CEREMONY

May 4, 2007, Rideau Hall



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**Front row (left to right):** Ross Campbell, O.C., D.S.C., Elizabeth Pacey, C.M., Bertha Allen, C.M., M. Daria Haust, O.C., Mary Majka, C.M., O.N.B., Arthur Hillier, O.C., Her Excellency the Right Honourable Michaëlle Jean, C.C., C.M.M., C.O.M., C.D., His Excellency Jean-Daniel Lafond, C.C., Charles S. Scranton, C.M., Pearl Keenan, C.M., Reverend Sister Kathrine Bellamy, C.M., O.N.L., John Neville, C.M., O.B.E., Joseph D. Robertson, C.M.

**Second row:** Mary V. Seeman, O.C., Janice Gross Stein, C.M., Clifford Garfield Mahood, O.C., A. Jonathan Stoessl, C.M., Zaheer M. Lakhani, C.M., The Honourable W. Kenneth Moore, C.M., Jan de Vries, C.M., Joseph Gosnell Sr., C.C., O.B.C., Lynn R. Williams, O.C., Timothy Murray, C.M., Robert O. Stephens, C.M., Henry John Bergen, C.M., Evelyn Shapiro, C.M.

**Third row:** Oren Robison, C.M., Ferguson Jenkins, C.M., Melvin N. Zajac, C.M., David Fraser, C.M., André Caillé, C.M., Anthony P. Toldo, C.M., O.Ont., David S. Precious, C.M., Natalie MacMaster, C.M., Paul Gendreau, O.C., Ann C. Macaulay, C.M., Ben Weider, O.C., C.Q., Richard Drouin, C.C., O.Q., Rémi Quirion, O.C., C.Q., Lorne Trotter, C.M.

**Absent:** Joseph Gosnell Sr., C.C., O.B.C., Ronald D. Southern, C.C., C.B.E.



The Right Honourable Beverley McLachlin, P.C., Chief Justice of Canada

## Message from the Chief Justice

As Chair of the Advisory Council of the Order of Canada, I feel privileged to play a part in helping the Governor General to honour outstanding Canadians. As members, you also have an important role. We look to you to identify strong candidates from all walks of life in your community. Your comments and suggestions are always welcome. In this 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary year, let's continue to work together to strengthen this centerpiece of the Canadian honours system.

### Did you know that...

- This summer, Canada Post featured four Order of Canada members — Paul Anka, O.C., Gordon Lightfoot, C.C., Joni Mitchell, C.C., and Anne Murray, C.C. — in their second series of postage stamps honouring Canadian performers.
- The insignia of the Order of Canada was one of the symbolic items Canadian astronaut Dr. Dave Williams chose to bring aboard Space Shuttle Endeavour for Mission STS-118 this past August.
- The 100<sup>th</sup> investiture of the Order of Canada will be held at Rideau Hall on October 26, 2007.

## Order of Canada 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Exhibit

Prior to the official opening of the exhibit at Library and Archives Canada in June, Their Excellencies and panelists **Marlene Bertrand C.M., Grete Hale, C.M., Christopher Harris, C.M., Marion Dewar, C.M. and Gérald-A Beaudoin, O.C.**, participated in a dialogue with youth on civic engagement, mentorship and leadership. Over 70 university students and young professionals including Senate and House of Commons pages, Supreme Court law clerks and Parliamentary and Rideau Hall guides attended the event and quizzed the speakers on their sources of inspiration.

*“They Desire a Better Country” commemorates the 40 years of the Order’s existence, tracing its history through the exceptional accomplishments in all parts of Canadian society. The exhibit runs until May 11, 2008.*



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Their Excellencies the Right Honourable Michaëlle Jean, Governor General of Canada, Mr. Jean-Daniel Lafond in the company of the Honourable Laurier LaPierre, O.C., Librarian and Archivist of Canada Ian Wilson, Grete Hale, C.M., Constable Claude-Michel Cimberty and Frank Ling, C.M. at the opening of the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary exhibition. (left to right).

## News from the Chancellery of Honours

Sincere thanks to everyone who took time to write or call with comments and suggestions. Your feedback is extremely valuable, and we’re listening.

Across the country, members are engaged in their communities in myriad ways. Still, many individuals have challenged the Chancellery to identify other ways in which they can contribute to raise awareness of the Order of Canada. In response to your call to action, work is underway on a number of initiatives.

Increasing recognition of the snowflake insignia is a priority. Our current awareness campaign includes the creation of an Order of Canada bookmark that will be distributed across the country through Service Canada outlets and other partner organizations; a review of our information kits, an update of our Web site and the development of a school outreach program.

If you are interested in becoming a mentor for young people, speaking to students in your community or if you have ideas or comments you would like to share, we would like to hear from you. Please contact Gabrielle Lappa, Director of Honours at 1-800-465-4890 or at [glappa@gg.ca](mailto:glappa@gg.ca).



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