



### In Alberta ...

- Over 900 youth experienced another community, language or culture in 2003/04 through our Youth Exchanges Canada Program.
- The Canada Council for the Arts granted \$7.8 million to 132 arts organizations and 106 artists in 2003/04.
- 181 amateur athletes were funded through our Athlete Assistance Program in 2004.
- The film and television industry injects more than \$150 million a year into the economy.
- The National Arts Centre is hosting a two-week Alberta Scene festival in 2005, showcasing 600 of the province's top performing, visual and culinary artists in the nation's capital.
- 25,960 students enrolled in French immersion in 2002/03, nearly four times the number in the late 1970s.
- Information on 243 Alberta 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 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

*Alberta Centennial Celebration*  
Canadian Heritage is contributing \$3.5 million toward the Centennial celebrations tied to Canada Day events in Alberta, and to assist non-governmental organizations with other activities commemorating the province's Centennial in 2005.

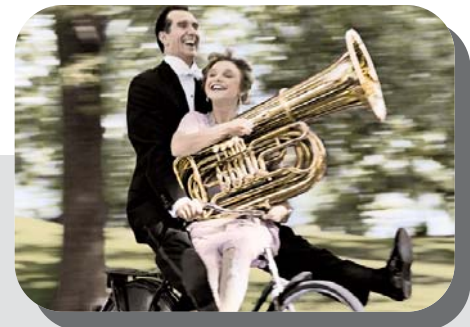
*Strengthening Arts and Heritage*  
The Rosebud Theatre in Rosebud, the Aerospace Museum of Calgary, and the Catalyst Theatre Society in Edmonton are just a few of the provincial arts and heritage organizations that are benefiting from a \$640,000 investment from the Canadian Arts and Heritage Sustainability Program.

*Indigenous Women in Leadership*  
Aboriginal women have always played a significant role in their communities. Through the Aboriginal Women's Program, Canadian Heritage has supported the Indigenous Women in Leadership Forum, empowering Aboriginal women leaders in Alberta with the skills needed to address economic, social, political and legal realities in their communities and organizations, as well as to implement plans for sustainable change.

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### Creating Canada Together

Our services are available from offices all over the country, including Calgary and Edmonton.



#### Arts Touring

Funding over three years has enabled the Arts Touring Alliance of Alberta to upgrade its support services with a database of resources, a mentorship program and an enhanced Web site. These and other improvements have led to the recruitment of more than 25 new presenters from rural, Aboriginal, ethno-cultural and Francophone communities all over the province.

#### Multicultural Brokers

Our diversity is a national asset. Through the support of our Multiculturalism Program, the Ethno-Cultural Council of Calgary has established a "Multicultural Brokers Team" to promote the interests and meaningful participation of Calgary's visible minority communities in all aspects of Canadian life.

#### Celebrating our Linguistic Duality

Our funding has enabled the *Alliance Jeunesse-Famille de l'Alberta* to deliver effective community programming to meet the expanding needs of a culturally diverse francophone community in Alberta.

*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)*

