



In Saskatchewan ...

- Regina will welcome more than 3,000 young athletes from across Canada to the 2005 Canada Summer Games. The Government of Canada committed \$5.6 million toward the Games' success.
- The Canada Council for the Arts granted \$3.1 million to 61 arts organizations and 48 artists in 2003/04.
- Information on 259 Saskatchewan museums, including virtual exhibits, is available online at www.virtualmuseum.ca.
- 512 youth experienced another community, language or culture in 2003/04 through our Youth Exchanges Canada program.
- 72 amateur athletes were funded through our Athlete Assistance Program in 2004.
- 7,924 students enrolled in French immersion in 2002/03, up from about 400 in the late 1970s.



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

Saskatchewan Centennial

Canadian Heritage is contributing \$3.1 million toward the commemoration of Saskatchewan's Centennial, helping finance such events as Canada Day and the celebrations surrounding the 2005 Canada Games in Regina.

Arts Presentation Canada

Opportunities for arts presenters to expand their offerings and attract new audiences are growing here. The literary arts, dance, Aboriginal storytelling, youth theatre, children's programs, new music, jazz and folk music are all being presented in the province, thanks in part to support from Arts Presentation Canada.

Playball

Canadian Heritage is proud to be a team player with the Bison Nations Girls Softball. This recreational softball project helps Aboriginal girls and women aged five to 19 overcome barriers to sport participation. About 200 young women in Saskatoon are enjoying the benefits of team play through these activities.

Bienvenue Bellevue!

Francophones in the Bellevue area opened the doors to a new 16-suite seniors' home, *Le Foyer Jésus-Marie*, in 2004. The home enables Francophone seniors to receive

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health care in their own language. Canadian Heritage contributed to the development of *l'Association des bénévoles de Bellevue's* architectural plans through our Official Languages Support Programs.

Youth Action Now

The Youth Action Now Organizing Committee is developing youth leadership and action on multiculturalism through a series of 20 workshops in schools across Saskatchewan. With support from our Multicultural Program, the project is encouraging a new generation of youth to develop activities in their local communities to combat racism, support diversity, and address local goals. The project culminates in a major conference in Regina in 2005.

Government House

Regina's historic Government House now serves as a museum documenting the turn-of-the-century era of Lt.-Gov. Forget (1898–1910). Through Cultural Spaces Canada, Canadian Heritage contributed to construction of a new visitors' centre, coach house and maintenance building, freeing additional space for artifacts and exhibits.

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

