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## THE 3rd JEUX DE LA FRANCOPHONIE CANADIENNE (CANADIAN FRANCOPHONE GAMES) TO START ON JULY 20TH 2005 AT THE FORKS

Winnipeg (Manitoba) - In cooperation with the Forks Development Corporation, the 3rd Jeux de la francophonie canadienne (Canadian Francophone Games) will get started on the Forks' main stage with the Opening Ceremonies.

The Opening Ceremonies will be a celebration of francophone youth in Canada, of its vitality and the arrival of Les Jeux de la francophonie in Western Canada. It will consist of a parade of all thirteen delegations, the torch relay, participants, the official opening of the Games and various shows.

The 2005 edition of Les Jeux de la francophonie canadienne will assemble some 1000 youths between 14 and 18 years old. The Games consist of three sports events (track and field, badminton, volleyball), three artistic events (visual arts, improvisational theatre, music), deux demonstration events for 2005 (3 on 3 basketball, video) and a leadership component (apprentice chefs de mission, event management and journalism).

One of the largest youth gatherings in Canada, the FJCF's Jeux play an important role in bringing value to the cultural, social and linguistic vitality of young francophones from all over Canada. The two first editions of Les Jeux were held in Memramcook (New-Brunswick) in 1999 and in Rivière-du-Loup (Quebec) in 2002. The 2005 Games will mark the first time that they are held in Western Canada.

The Quebec artist **KODIAK** will present a concert during the Opening Ceremonies. Kodiak brings together a variety of musical genres, hip-hop, soul, rythm and blues and reggae. Supported by nine musicians and singers, Kodiak is celebrated for its originality, its uniqueness and its ability to make people dance.

Laureats at the Festival de la chanson de Granby in 2002, in the Band category, as well as at Hip-Hop Forever 2001 in France, Kodiak has distinguished itself at numerous events, such as the Coup de Cœur Francophone (2004), the Montreal Francophonies (2004) and the Quebec City Summer Festival. Kodiak's concert at the Jeux' Opening Ceremonies will mark a first for the band in Western Canada.

The Opening Ceremonies, under the artistic direction of **Danielle Sturk** and the musical direction **Daniel Roy**, will also feature a number of Manitoban francophone artists, such as **Marc Devigne**, **Edmond Dufort**, **Madrigaia**, **l'Ensemble folklorique de la Rivière-Rouge**, **the Compagnie de la Vérendrye** and the **Brigade de la Rivière-Rouge**.

Two young Radio-Canada personalities, **Corey Loranger**, host of « Ceci est un Test » on Radio-Canada's Première Chaîne radio network and **Marie-France Guerrette**, co-host of the youth television show « Oniva » on Radio-Canada Télévision will be the masters of ceremonies for the July 20<sup>th</sup> program.

The Opening Ceremonies will begin at 6 :30 pm and will conclude with fireworks at 9 :30pm. Spectators are welcome and there is no charge. The Games invite all Manitobans to help us welcome the delegations from all over Canada.

Other programming details for the 3rd Jeux de la francophonie canadienne will be unveiled over the coming weeks.

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For more information on the 3rd Jeux de la francophonie canadienne or to register as a volunteer, call 233-ALLÔ (in Manitoba) or 1-800-665-4443 or go to [www.jeuxfc.ca](http://www.jeuxfc.ca)

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