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Winter 2009

TOWARD GREATER SOLIDARITY BETWEEN US

On behalf of all Canadians, and as the new year gets underway, it gives me great pleasure to express to you once again my profound admiration and gratitude. As you continue to push the boundaries of knowledge and creativity, you serve as a source of inspiration and have left your mark on this country.

Though your achievements are unique, you share the same ideals of generosity, compassion and humanity, characteristics for which Canada is renowned worldwide. You are our standard-bearers. In your determination to improve the lives of those around you, you embody resourcefulness, clear-sightedness and solidarity. You are leading the way.

Now more than ever before, we need to listen to others, keep human dignity at the forefront of everything we do, and ensure that hope will triumph. Whatever the uncertainties of the future, I know that you are daring, confident and determined. May you inspire those who are seeking answers in their quest for meaning in our society. Together, let us reinvent the beauty of the world!

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

ORDER OF CANADA INVESTITURE CEREMONY
December 12, 2008, at Rideau Hall


Second row: Patricia Ann MacCuspie, C.M.; Derek A. Price, C.M.; Ray V. Rajotte, C.M., A.O.E., M.S.M.; Mallory Gilbert, C.M.; Michael Clague, C.M.; David Sweet, O.C.; Deborah Grey, O.C.; Alex Neve, O.C.; The Honourable Patrick J. LeSage, C.M.; Jean-Marie Dufour, O.C., O.Q.

Third row: Adrienne Pieczonka, O.C.; Patricia O’Connor, C.M.; Wilfrid Wilkinson, C.M.; Karen Letofsky, C.M.; Paul Thompson, O.C.; Michael D. Scott, C.M., C.D.; John T. Mayberry, C.M.; Laurent Lapierre, C.M.; Peter Aucoin, C.M.; Richard B. Wright, C.M.; Richard J. Puddephatt, O.C.; Paul Shaffer, C.M.

Fourth row: Irene E. Pfeiffer, C.M.; Hartley T. Richardson, C.M.; Garry W. Anderson, C.M.; Bruce Pullan, C.M.; Mark H. Rowswell, C.M.; Valerie Hussey, C.M.; Douglas A. Smith, C.M.; Raymond Breton, O.C.; Walter Gretzky, C.M., O.Ont.; Peter G. Buckland, C.M.; David A. Dodge, O.C.

Absent: The Honourable E. Leo Kolber, O.C.; Bernard Savoe, C.M.
MENTORSHIP PROGRAM SUCCESS STORIES

The inaugural year of the Order of Canada mentorship program has already been a great success. There have been inspiring ideas, energetic discussions, wonderful moments and some incredible developments—and there are still six months to go!

Bilaal Rajan, whose mentor is Craig Kielburger, C.M., travelled to Ecuador in the summer to help build a school, and published his first book, *Making Change: Tips from an Underage Overachiever*, which focuses on how young people can work together in their local communities to increase awareness about global issues and to raise funds for those in need.

Laxmi Parthasarathy, mentored by John Honderich, C.M., has seen significant growth of her audience for her quarterly not-for-profit newspaper, *MY ROOTS (Recognizing Our Opportunities to Succeed)*, due to the recent article about *MY ROOTS* published in *The Globe and Mail*.

John C. Risley, O.C., watched his mentoree, Benjamin Gulak, appear on CBC’s “Dragon’s Den” in November, and acquire a significant investment for the development of his innovative and environmentally friendly UNO motorbike.


We are currently planning the 2009 edition of the Order of Canada mentorship program. With the help of this year’s participants, it promises to be an even bigger success!

State Visit—Four Dynamic Windows Onto Europe
November 24 to December 3, 2008

“At the request of Prime Minister Stephen Harper, my husband Jean-Daniel Lafond and I made a State visit to Hungary, Slovakia, the Czech Republic and Slovenia. Four countries with which Canada has strong historic ties and thousands of whose nationals are now Canadian citizens. Four dynamic windows onto Europe, at the heart of the European Union. Four nations with which Canada wants to strengthen its bonds and pursue successful agreements.”

Michaëlle Jean, Governor General

Members of the Order of Canada, Patrick Nixon, C.M., and Dr. Constance Backhouse, C.M., were part of the accompanying delegation, and actively participated in a number of events including discussions with representatives from civil society.

Patrick Nixon, C.M., is chief executive officer of the Mustard Seed Street Ministry, in Calgary, Alberta. He participated in a discussion at the Kesztyügyár Community Centre, in Budapest, Hungary, and exchanged with Hungarians on issues that affect youth in their respective communities.

Dr. Constance Backhouse, C.M., is a professor of law at the University of Ottawa. She was a panellist at a conference organized by Masaryk University, in Brno, Czech Republic, entitled, “Canadian Cultural Diversity: Gender, Minority and Public Life.”
Companions

Céline Dion, C.C., O.Q.
For having won over audiences worldwide with her extraordinary talent as a pop singer, and for her commitment to numerous humanitarian causes at the national and international levels.

This is a promotion within the Order.

Ben Heppner, C.C.
For his continued role as a premier musical ambassador for Canada, who has reached the pinnacle of his profession and who is equally renowned for his generosity of spirit as for his abilities as a tenor.

This is a promotion within the Order.

Stephen A. Jarislowsky, C.C., G.O.O.
For his contributions as a leader in Canada’s investment sector, notably for championing the highest standards of corporate governance practices for public companies, and for his sustained philanthropic support of educational, cultural, health care and charitable activities throughout the country.

This is a promotion within the Order.

Peter Munk, C.C.
For his contributions as an entrepreneur and a philanthropist, helping to establish world-class health care and education institutions in Canada and abroad.

This is a promotion within the Order.

Officers

Gary Birch, O.C.
For his contributions to the development of the Neill Squire Society, an organization that develops programs, services and assistive technology for people with physical disabilities, and for his determination and ingenuity in helping Canadians with disabilities to achieve a higher quality of life.

This is a promotion within the Order.

The Honourable Iona Campagnolo, P.C., O.C., O.B.C.
For her contributions to her province and to the nation as a former lieutenant governor, member of Parliament and cabinet minister, and for her continued work and dedication as a volunteer, notably in the areas of human rights and the environment.

This is a promotion within the Order.

William J. Commanda, O.C.
For his leadership as an elder who has promoted intercultural understanding and has raised awareness of the traditions and legacies of Canada’s Aboriginal people.

Nellie J. Cournoyea, O.C.
For her active involvement in promoting social and economic development for Aboriginal people, and for her contributions to political governance in the Northwest Territories.

Paul Garfinkel, O.C.
For his contributions to the field of mental health, notably as a psychiatrist, advocate and researcher specializing in eating disorders.

How do we sustain buildings? How do buildings sustain us?

For every ceremony honouring and rewarding the talents of Canadian artists, Rideau Hall—on His Excellency Jean-Daniel Lafond’s initiative—organizes a forum called Art Matters. These forums bring laureates, artists, academics and members of the Order of Canada together to examine the challenges faced by culture in our society. On October 15, Their Excellencies hosted a public forum on the occasion of the Governor General’s Medals in Architecture.

More than 125 people joined Their Excellencies and panellists David Hughes, President and CEO of Habitat for Humanity Canada; Jean-Claude Marsan, O.C., architect and urban planner; and Sheryl Boyle, Assistant Professor, Azrieli School of Architecture and Urbanism, Carleton University, for a discussion on architecture and society.

Join the online Art Matters forum at www.citizenvoices.gg.ca.

“Sustainable development means more than just not wasting energy. It also means ensuring that citizens thrive in their environment, and that cities harmoniously pass on their built heritage to future generations.”

Jean-Claude Marsan, O.C.
Architect and urbanist
NEW APPOINTMENTS TO THE ORDER OF CANADA

David P. O’Brien, O.C.
For his contributions as a respected corporate leader and for his generous support of post-secondary education across Canada.

Ian C. P. Smith, O.C.
For his leadership in the advancement, development and commercialization of Canada’s diagnostic technologies, notably magnetic resonance imaging and its applications in the field of health care.

The Honourable Barry L. Strayer, O.C.
For his contributions to the Canadian legal profession, especially in the field of constitutional law, and for his role in bringing about the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

Members

Michael A. Baker, C.M.
For his contributions to health care in Canada, notably for his work in developing an innovative, integrated medical care program for cancer patients, and for his leadership in the area of infectious disease control.

Joyce Barkhouse, C.M., O.N.S.
For her contributions to children’s literature and the Canadian literary community.

Elsa Bolam, C.M.
For her contributions to English theatre in Montréal, and for her work in making theatre accessible to remote communities in the province of Quebec.

David Bouchard, C.M.
For his contributions as an author of children’s books and as an advocate who has championed the cause of reading and writing, and who has shared his pride as a member of the Métis community through his stories.

David A. Brown, C.M.
For his leadership in the administration of securities legislation in Ontario, as well as for his volunteer activities, notably in the area of health care.

Dinu Bumburu, C.M.
For his leadership in promoting, protecting and enhancing the historical, natural and cultural heritage of the Montréal area, and for his dedication to preserving world heritage sites.

Frederick Carmichael, C.M.
For his contributions and achievements as a Native leader, businessman and volunteer, as well as a committed and untiring advocate of autonomy for Native people.

Douglas Cole, C.M.
For contributing to the development and promotion of jazz in Canada by providing performance experience and learning opportunities to countless musicians in his entertainment venues, including George’s Spaghetti House and Bourbon Street.

Gail Cook-Bennett, C.M.
For her leadership on numerous corporate and private sector boards in Canada, as well as for her continued support of non-profit organizations over the years.

Max Cynader, C.M., O.B.C.
For his contributions to the field of biomedical research, notably in the study of the brain and visual systems, and for increasing the accessibility of treatments on the public market.

James J. Douglas, C.M.
For his contributions as a pioneer in the book publishing industry, both in British Columbia and across the country.

Fred S. Fountain, C.M.
For his contributions to the people of Nova Scotia as a community volunteer, philanthropist and dedicated fundraiser.

Arlene Haché, C.M.
For her contributions to the well-being of Canada’s northern citizens, notably through her leadership of the Centre for Northern Families, as well as numerous local, territorial and national associations.

Kenneth Kernaghan, C.M.
For his contributions to public administration as one of Canada’s foremost scholars in the areas of ethics and accountability for more than 30 years.

M. Azhar Ali Khan, C.M.
For his contributions as a leader in the Muslim community, and as a journalist and volunteer dedicated to strengthening ties between people of diverse backgrounds and faiths.

LaVerne Kindree, C.M.
For his commitment and dedication to the community of Squamish as a health care practitioner, volunteer, philanthropist and leader for more than 50 years.

Suzanne Lapointe, C.M.
For her career as a television host, comedian and author, and for her dedication to numerous charitable organizations.

John F. Lewis, C.M.
For his contributions to health care and health education at the local and provincial levels, and for his role in establishing many essential community-based medical services at home and abroad.

Frank L. Lovsin, C.M.
For his contributions as a volunteer, philanthropist and entrepreneur who has served as a vocal advocate for his community in regional and provincial affairs.

David Matas, C.M.
For his contributions to human rights legislation as well as to immigration and refugee law.

Barnett J. (Barney) Danson, P.C., C.C., LL.D.

Her Excellency the Right Honourable Michaëlle Jean, Governor General of Canada, presented the insignia of Companion of the Order of Canada to the Honourable Barnett J. (Barney) Danson, in a private ceremony in Toronto, on October 2, 2008.

A celebrated veteran of the Second World War and former federal cabinet minister, Barney Danson has led a life of distinguished service to Canada. An advocate of veterans’ issues, he spearheaded the establishment of the new Canadian War Museum. He was also actively involved with the Canadian National Institute for the Blind and the Sir Arthur Pearson Association of War Blind Scholarship Funds.
Gordon A. McBean, C.M.
For his contributions to the advancement of climate and atmospheric sciences in Canada, and for his leadership in national and international scientific organizations, helping to generate and disseminate research findings to policymakers and stakeholders.

Barbara McInnes, C.M.
For her contributions as a leader and catalyst for the development of the community foundation movement in both her city and across Canada.

Don McKay, C.M.
For his contributions to Canadian literature as a nature poet and mentor of many emerging writers from coast to coast.

James H. Morrison, C.M.
For his service to the collection and preservation of Nova Scotia's multicultural heritage, notably as an authority on oral histories.

K. Alexander Nilsson, C.M.
For his extensive volunteerism, leadership and dedication to social well-being in the community of Creston, British Columbia.

Allison D. O'Brien, C.M.
For his contributions to public service in the province of Alberta, and for helping to shape public policy, mainly in the area of finance.

Willie E. O'Ree, C.M., O.N.B.
For his pioneering contributions to the development of professional hockey, and for his tireless dedication to promoting the sport to minority youth in Canada and the United States.

Lata Pada, C.M.
For her contributions to the development of South Asian dance as a choreographer, teacher, dancer and artistic director, as well as for her commitment and support of the Indian community in Canada.

Brian Paisley, C.M.
For his contributions to Canadian theatre, notably as the founder of the Edmonton International Fringe Festival, the original and largest fringe theatre festival in North America.

Ross E. Petty, C.M.
For his contributions to the field of pediatric rheumatology, notably for having established the first formal academic program in Canada, as well as for having improved the lives of children afflicted with rheumatic diseases.

Douglas Pollard, C.M.
For his contributions as a businessman, publisher and volunteer who, for more than 50 years, has championed the cultural and historical riches of Northern Ontario.

Victor M. Power, C.M.
For his commitment and dedication to the community of Timmins as a long-time mayor and alderman, and for his leadership as a vocal advocate on behalf of the entire region of Northern Ontario.

Elinor Gill Ratcliffe, C.M., O.N.L.
For her contributions as a philanthropist who has given support to a wide variety of community groups, charities and arts organizations in Newfoundland and Labrador.

Angela Rebeiro, C.M.
For her contributions to the promotion of Canadian writers through numerous leadership roles in the publishing and literary world, notably as head of Playwrights Canada Press, and as an active and influential volunteer for arts organizations.

Henry A. Regier, C.M.
For his contributions to the development and implementation of ecosystem management to protect freshwater fisheries, notably in the Great Lakes, and for his leadership in national and international organizations concerned with environmental conservation.

Byron P. Rourke, C.M.
For his contributions to psychology, notably as a founding father of clinical and child neuropsychology in Canada, and for his pioneering research on non-verbal learning disabilities.

The Honourable Herbert O. Sparrow, C.M.
For his contributions to Canadian soil conservation and sustainable farming policy, as well as for his volunteerism and dedication to charities in the town of North Battleford.

Donald W. Storch, C.M.
For his contributions and volunteerism in the fields of social welfare, family services, law and health care, particularly through his involvement with the Victorian Order of Nurses.

David Thauberger, C.M.
For his contributions to the promotion and preservation of Canadian heritage and folk art in the province of Saskatchewan, in addition to his work as a painter, sculptor and educator.

Pierre Théroux, C.M.
Cardiologist, professor and researcher recognized for his innovations in diagnostic techniques and in the treatment of acute coronary syndromes.

William J. Wall, C.M.
For his contributions to the development and advancement of liver transplantation in Canada, and for promoting awareness of the need for organ donation.

Shirley Westeinde, C.M.
For her contributions as a leader in the construction industry, notably as a role model for young women seeking to pursue careers in the trades, and for her volunteerism in the areas of health and education.
News from the Chancellery of Honours

Now there are several ways to learn about members of the Order online at www.gg.ca, such as using our searchable database or downloading copies of the newsletters. If you are looking for dialogue, join the forums or submit a blog at www.citizenvoices.gg.ca.

You can also join in the celebration as new members are invested in the Order by watching the investiture ceremonies live on www.gg.ca or by viewing the broadcasts on Rogers TV and on CPAC.

The Chancellery of Honours wishes to acknowledge the generous contribution of the late Ted Rogers, O.C., for broadcasting Order of Canada ceremonies across the country. Since his investiture in 1991, a video copy of each Order of Canada investiture ceremony has been sent to recipients.

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