

CANADA 150



AMBASSADORS' NEWSLETTER

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WOW! WHAT A YEAR!



After an amazing year of events and activities, Canada 150 Closing Events were the perfect finale. Canadians closed the year by celebrating in many ways what Canada 150 has meant to them and looked towards a bright future.

In this last edition of the Ambassadors' Newsletter, we want to thank each and every one of you for your contributions to this incredible year! By inviting your friends and followers to join in Canada 150, You touched the hearts of Canadians and helped Canada's light shine across the globe.

Now sit back, relax, and enjoy some of the coolest moments from the closing ceremonies...

CANADA 150 CLOSING EVENTS



Vikram Vij and Trudy Metcalfe engage with the audience at the *Flavours of the North* event.



Johnny Issaluk demonstrates a Northern game at the Inuit High Kick event on Parliament Hill.



Susan Aglukark and Indigenous artists delight audiences at Nimidiwin, December 31.



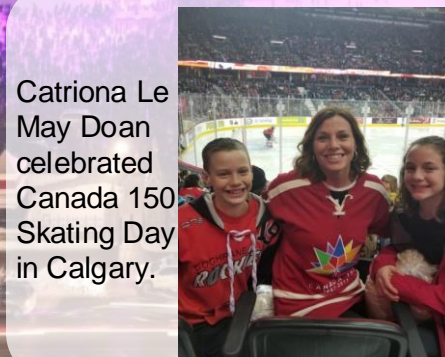
Ambassador Nölke enjoyed the Orchestre Métropolitain of Montréal, conducted by Canada 150 Ambassador, Yannick Nézet-Séguin in Rotterdam.



Yvan Cournoyer skates with young fans on the Canada 150 Rink.



Susur Lee and Cezin Nottaway put the finishing touches on their dish at *Flavours of the North*.



Catriona Le May Doan celebrated Canada 150 Skating Day in Calgary.



Visitors to the Embassy of Canada in Kuwait enjoyed the drawings from the "Celebrate Canada 150" student art competition.

SHAPING OUR FUTURE TOGETHER



"It was a huge honour and privilege to be an official #canada150 ambassador for #2017. It was a big year for so many reasons - the many events that united Canadians and enriched our knowledge with what Canada is about. Too many amazing moments to only choose one. What was your #150moment?"

My main goal for 2017 was to finish and publish my book, so that I could inspire and empower more people with my messaging of human potential- of believing in the possibilities and not selling ourselves short. My wish for you in 2018 is that you start recognizing the underlying fears that are holding you back; start questioning your assumptions about what you believe to be possible or impossible; and start moving forward towards living the life you want and deserve."

Heather Moyse

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"It is my view that it is time to celebrate, but I'm celebrating the survival of Indigenous people. I'm celebrating the fact that we are resilient. I am not interested in making Canadians feel guilty; I am interested in Canadians becoming more aware and inspired to take action to shape our future together."



Roberta Jamieson
[Portrait 150 Video](#)



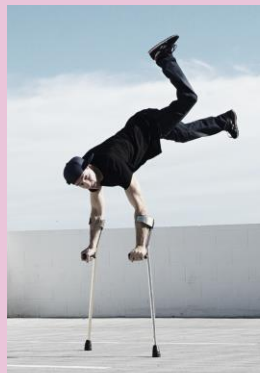
"Reconciliation happens at many different levels. First and foremost, it involves the heart and mind coming together as one – and healing the wound that first occurred when human kind removed itself from the web of life and from our healthy relationship with the Earth Mother. In turn, this affected our relationships with one another. It takes immense courage to take that journey back from the head to the heart and reconcile both. In doing so, we will reconcile with the Earth and with one another. As an indigenous woman taking this Earth Walk called Life with you all, I will take that step. I urge all of you to take that journey as well. Perhaps we will meet one another on the way."

Barbara Martin

"Canada is a quiet success story among nations and we should take pride in that. We have been building a workable and decent society for a century and a half --and of course we have made mistakes along the way--but we have avoided civil wars and violent revolutions; we have not succumbed to dictatorships; and we have not waged unprovoked war on our neighbours."



Margaret MacMillan



"2017 has been a year full of incredible energy and amazing projects. I have taken this year to get back to my roots in my dance, family, and community life. Some exciting events that occurred this past year include being a *Canada 150 Ambassador*, performing "Creatures" at *Place des Arts* and the *Sony Centre*, opening for the *Invictus Games*, *Canada Day* performance on *Parliament Hill*, the *Mackay School + Joseph Charbonneau + Camp Massawippi* dance programs.

In 2018, Melissa and I will be opening up a creative rental space in Hochelaga-Maisonneuve called [Espace No Limits](#) for people of all abilities to come work, move, teach, and create."

Luca "LazyLegs" Patuelli

"Honoured to have been selected by the Canadian Heritage Minister as an International 'Canada 150 Ambassador' as Canada marked 150th anniversary of Confederation...the most touching moment for me was my active participation in the citizenship conferral ceremony to 40 people from 13 different countries and to see how proud and grateful they were. I am happy to share all the privileges Canada offers with these newcomers who will enrich our precious Canadian mosaic."



Ginette Caron



"Being a Canada 150 ambassador inspired me to nurture my own humanitarian efforts and continue to build upon new relationships. I am now partner of an Indigenous-led, registered non-profit called Ni'gweg and our mandate is to share our stories and "unlock" Canada through legends, arts and technology. Our first project is Nitap, a storytelling app supported by the Canada Council for the Arts. The work I've done during my year of ambassadorship will continue with the Ni'gweg foundation. For more about Ni'gweg, visit www.nigweg.com."

Phyllis Grant

Chef Vikram Vij is using his culinary craft to advance reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Canadians. He is joining up with Indigenous chef, Rich Francis, at My Shanti restaurant in Vancouver on January 29, 2018. Together, they will take diners on a culinary journey of truth and reconciliation sharing traditional Indian and Indigenous foods and flavours.



Vikram Vij