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WINDOWS OF THE PORTRAIT GALLERY OF CANADA DISPLAY THE TOP 10 GREATEST CANADIANS

On Thursday, October 28, CBC Television and the Portrait Gallery of Canada, a program of Library and Archives Canada, unveil a special window installation of portraits of the Top 10 Greatest Canadians nominated by the public in CBC Television's series, THE GREATEST CANADIAN. Part of the Gallery's window exhibitions at 100 Wellington Street in Ottawa, the installation also includes two other inspirational Canadians selected by the Portrait Gallery because they represent the Gallery's focus on all Canadians.

The portraits of the Top 10 Greatest Canadian nominees feature these works: a painting of *Frederick Banting* by Tibor Polya, 1925; a photograph of *Alexander Graham Bell*, The Moffet Studio, ca. 1914-1919; a photograph of *Don Cherry* by Shane Mahood, 2000; a photograph of *Tommy Douglas* by Duncan Cameron, 1961; *Terry Fox* as photographed by Gail Harvey, 1980; *Wayne Gretzky*, as painted by Ken Danby, 2001; a painting of *Sir John A. Macdonald*, by an unknown artist, ca. 1842; a photograph of *Lester B. Pearson*, Ashley & Crippen Studio, 1965; a photograph of *Dr. David Suzuki* by Greg Pacek, CBC Television, 1999 and a photograph of *Pierre Trudeau* by Yousuf Karsh, 1968.

In addition to the Top 10 nominated Greatest Canadians, two other portraits depicting inspirational and innovative Canadians are included in the exhibition. These are: a painting by Lady Caroline Bucknall Estcourt, 1838, of an unidentified African-Canadian woman whom the artist admired for her kindness to the ill and whom she considered "a great friend", and a photograph of world-renowned documentary filmmaker and community aboriginal rights activist, *Alanis Obomsawin* by Sam Tata, 1971.

The exhibit will remain displayed in the windows of the Portrait Gallery of Canada at 100 Wellington Street, Ottawa, until November 29, 2004, when CBC's THE GREATEST CANADIAN series culminates and the public has voted one of the Top 10 nominees as their Greatest Canadian of all.

The Portrait Gallery of Canada occupies the former building of the Embassy of the United States of America, directly across the street from Canada's Parliament Buildings. The building will shortly undergo renovations in preparation for the Gallery's opening in 2007.

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