

Shirley Douglas receives the Order of Canada

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Shirley Douglas, O.C.
Toronto, Ontario
Officer of the Order of Canada

Shirley Douglas is one of our nation's finest performers and a renowned social activist. She has brought some of Canadian literature's most well-known characters to life, such as Hagar in *The Stone Angel* and Marilla in *Anne of Green Gables*. National spokesperson for the Canadian Health Coalition, an organization devoted to preserving public health care, she travels the continent, speaking in church basements and local libraries or at large public rallies and international forums. In Toronto, she founded a citizens' group committed to protecting not-for-profit health services. She volunteers much of her time to these causes, which she views as symbolic of Canada's identity.



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Governor General to invest 49 Recipients into Order of Canada

OTTAWA -- Her Excellency the Right Honourable Adrienne Clarkson, Governor General of Canada, will preside at an investiture ceremony of the Order of Canada in the ballroom of the Château Laurier in Ottawa on Friday, October 24 at 11:00 a.m.

The Governor General will present 49 recipients with their insignia of membership. Four Companions, 15 Officers, and 30 Members will be invested. The Governor General is Chancellor and Principal Companion of the Order.

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The Order of Canada recognizes people who have made a difference to our country. From local citizens to national and international personalities, all Canadians are eligible for the Order of Canada our country's highest honour for lifetime achievement. Three different levels of membership honour people whose accomplishments vary in degree and scope: Companion, Officer and Member.

The Order of Canada was established in 1967 to recognize outstanding achievement and service in various fields of human endeavour. Appointments are made on the recommendation of an advisory council, chaired by the Chief Justice of Canada. The motto of the Order is *Desiderantes meliorem patriam* - They desire a better country.

A media schedule for the investiture ceremony (Annex A), a complete list of recipients (Annex B) and a backgrounder (Annex C) are attached. To obtain the citations for the recipients, please visit our website at: <http://www.gg.ca>

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LIST OF RECIPIENTS

COMPANIONS

Leonard Cohen, C.C. - Los Angeles, California and Montreal , Que.
Stephen Lewis, C.C. - Toronto, Ont.
Robert Mundell, C.C. - New York, New York, and Kingston, Ont.
Guy Saint-Pierre, C.C. - Montreal , Que.

OFFICERS

Calvin David Abrahamson, O.C. - Montmartre, Sask.
Jack N. Agrios, O.C. - Edmonton, Alta.
George Frederick Curtis, O.C., O.B.C. - Vancouver , B.C.
Shirley Douglas, O.C. - Toronto, Ont.
John Laurence Hamerton, O.C. - Dugald, Man.
Gerald K. Helleiner, O.C. - Toronto, Ont.
Ted Hughes, O.C. - Victoria, B.C.
Arthur Irving, O.C. - Saint John, N.B.
Zacharias Kunuk, O.C. - Igloolik, Nu.
David S.R. Leighton, O.C., A.O.E. - Komoka, Ont.
John Murrell, O.C., A.O.E. - Calgary, Alta.
Gerald Pratley, O.C. - Belleville, Ont.
Arthur R. Smith, O.C., A.O.E., D.F.C. - Calgary, Alta.
Gordon G. Thiessen, O.C. - Ottawa, Ont.
Robert Volpé, O.C. - Toronto, Ont.

MEMBERS

T. M. (Mike) Apsey, C.M. - Victoria, B.C.
Miller H. Ayre, C.M. - St. John's, Nfld. & L.
William J. Barakett, C.M. - Knowlton, Que.
David V. Bates, C.M. - Vancouver, B.C.
Prakash Bhartia, C.M. - Woodland Hills, California and Ottawa
George Blondin, C.M. - Rae-Edzo, N.W.T.
Walter Bushuk, C.M. - Winnipeg, Man.
Tagak Curley, C.M. - Rankin Inlet, Nu.
Robert G. Elgie, C.M. - Keswick, Ont.
Joanne Farley, C.M. - Pointe-Claire, Que.
Sharon Trostin Hampson, C.M. - Toronto , Ont.
Charles V. Keating, C.M. - Dartmouth, N.S.
Terry Kelly, C.M. - Dartmouth, N.S.
Pierre Lassonde, C.M. - Denver, Colorado, U.S.A. and Toronto.
Leonard G. Lee, C.M. - Almonte, Ont.
Daurene E. Lewis, C.M. - Bedford, N.S.
Lois Ada Lilienstein, C.M. (honorary) - Toronto , Ont.
Allan M. Lysack, C.M. - Dauphin, Man.
Donald C. MacDonald, C.M., O.Ont. - Toronto, Ont.
René Massé, C.M. (Deceased) - île-Bizard, Que.
M. Corinne Church Miller, C.M. - Timmins, Ont.
Bram Morrison, C.M. - Toronto, Ont.
Valentine O'Donovan, C.M. - Cambridg , Ont.
Elisapie Killiktee Ootova, C.M. - Pond Inlet, Nu.
Joseph Howard Sherman, C.M. - Charlottetown , P.E.I.
Brijendra K. Sood, C.M. - Calgary, Alta.
Robert Turner, C.M. - Victoria, B.C.
William J. Warren, C.M. - Calgary, Alta.
Harriet Winspear, C.M. - Edmonton, Alta.
Morden Yolles, C.M. - Toronto, Ont.