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## A Selection of Facts about Art and Culture

The exhibit called *Entrée libre à l'art contemporain* had 3,000 visitors in the week it took place.

En 1987, le Conseil des Arts de la Communauté urbaine de Montréal a attribué 2 251 000 \$ en subventions aux compagnies culturelles.

La collection de la Banque d'œuvres d'art du Canada comprend 13 835 œuvres.

As of November 1987, the Art Bank of Canada had 1,847 paintings; 778 sculptures; 10,790 works on paper and 419 other pieces in its collection.

On compte 1 857 artistes qui sont représentés dans la collection de la Banque d'œuvre d'art du Canada.

In 1986-1987, juries viewed 4,310 works at 62 galleries and 134 studios across Canada, as well as 6,519 works on paper submitted to the Art Bank.

On October 21, 1987, Christie's in New York sold a 64.83 carat diamond for \$6.38 million, part of a total sale of \$23.6 million.

In October 1987, Christie's sold a copy of Volume One of the Gutenberg Bible for \$5,390,000.

Quotation from Raymond Nasher, art collector in Dallas: "Most people think we're a little cuckoo, they'd rather have that new Ferrari.... but for us it's always been art, because when you live with art, you're living with history and with beauty, and with innovation and with creative talent."

The two new buildings for the Museum of Civilization and the National Gallery of Canada, in Ottawa, will cost over \$300 million before they are completed.

Plus de 135 000 visiteurs ont visité l'exposition *Tableaux de Maîtres français impressionnistes et post-impressionnistes de l'Union soviétique* au Musée du Québec, présentée à l'automne 1986.

Information for the above was supplied through: Le Conseil des Arts de la Communauté urbaine de Montréal; Canadian Art (Winter 1987); International Herald Tribune (October 24-25, 1987); Conseil des Arts du Canada, Banque d'œuvres d'art; Musée du Québec; Corporate ARTnews; and ARTnews (November 1987).

This column is dedicated to indicating short but valuable pieces of information related to art and culture. Should you have any important news relative to the art world in Montreal, in Quebec or in Canada, please send it along to us in a brief outline together with some supporting document as to the source of this information.

