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LA CHANCELLERIE
THE CHANCELLERY

July 4, 1997

Dear Ms. Browne:

I am writing further to the recent public announcement in the media of your appointment as a Member of the Order of Canada by His Excellency the Governor General.

I should mention that there will be two investiture ceremonies of the Order, one in October, 1997 and one in February, 1998. You will be informed of the date of the ceremony to which you will be invited to receive your insignia.

As you know, you are now entitled to use the initials C.M. after your name, and to wear the lapel pin. I have enclosed two such pins with our compliments. The miniature and additional pins may be purchased directly from Rideau Orders, Decorations and Medals Inc. at 514-336-9200 or 1-800-363-6464. The address is: 467 DesLauriers, Ville Saint-Laurent, QC, H4N 1W2.

I am also enclosing for your reference the folder on the Order of Precedence for the Wearing of Orders, Decorations and Medals, as well as more detailed information on the Order of Canada, including the proper disposal of insignia.

The Governor General has asked me to extend to you his warmest congratulations on your appointment to the Order, to which I would like to add my own.

With kindest regards, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

Mary de Bellefeuille-Percy
Director, Honours

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Ms. Rachel Browne, C.M.
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August 11th, 1997

Rachel Browne
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Dear Ms. Browne:

It is my great pleasure to extend congratulations on your recent appointment as a Member of the **Order of Canada**.

This national honour symbolizes the respect and appreciation you have earned from your fellow Canadians for your achievements and has been awarded for the outstanding contribution you have made to our country.

Please accept my personal best wishes for success in your future endeavours. May your efforts continue to enrich the lives of your fellow citizens and enhance the pride we all may take in this magnificent nation which is our home.

Yours sincerely,

Preston Manning, M.P.
Leader,
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*Ms. Rachel Browne,
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Dear Ms. Browne:

Congratulations on your recent appointment as a Member in the Order of Canada; it is very deserved.

As I read through the citations I was impressed by not only the accomplishments of you and your fellow recipients, but the selfless way you have all chosen to give something of yourself back to your community and your country. This appointment is a very inadequate thank-you to you for all your hard work and sacrifices.

If I, of my office can be of any assistance to you in the future please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Jean J. Charest, P.C., M.P.

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PRIME MINISTER · PREMIER MINISTRE

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August 19, 1997

Dear Ms. Browne:

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you on the occasion of your investiture as a Member of the Order of Canada.

The distinguished company you join today come from varied backgrounds and walks of life. Though diverse in origin, they are united by a common drive to achieve excellence in their chosen fields of endeavour. Such high standards and impressive accomplishments are worthy of the highest praise.

Canada is a better place for the work you have done.

Sincerely,

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FACT SHEET

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THE ORDER OF CANADA

"QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS"

What is the Order of Canada?

The Order of Canada is a society of honour to which individuals are appointed and which recognizes a lifetime of achievement, merit and service to their community or country. It was created in 1967, Canada's Centennial year, as the centrepiece of Canada's system of honours. Three levels of membership within the Order -- Companion, Officer and Member --- are designed to embrace a spectrum of achievement and service.

What do the differences in the three membership levels mean?

Members of the Order of Canada are recognized for distinguished service in or to a particular group, locality or field of endeavour. No more than 100 appointments may be made in any year.

Officers of the Order of Canada are recognized for national achievement and merit of a high degree, especially service to Canada or humanity at large. No more than 50 appointments may be made in any one year.

Companions of the Order of Canada are recognized for outstanding achievement and merit of the highest degree, especially service to Canada or humanity at large. No more than 15 appointments may be made in any year, and there may be no more than 165 living Companions at any given time.

How are people nominated for the Order of Canada?

Any person or group can nominate another Canadian for the Order of Canada simply by writing to The Chancellery, Rideau Hall, Ottawa, K1A 0A1. Nominations should be initiated by the nominee's peers and should include a brief biographical sketch setting out his or her accomplishments. It is helpful to include the names of persons who would support the nomination and could also provide information about why the individual might deserve the honour.

Who decides who should be appointed to the Order?

The Governor General, as Chancellor of the Order, makes the appointments based on the recommendations of an Advisory Council chaired by the Chief Justice of Canada. Other members of the Advisory Council include the Clerk of the Privy Council, the Deputy Minister of the Department of Canadian Heritage, the Chairman of the Canada Council, the President of the Royal Society of Canada, the President of the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada, and up to two other members of the the Order who are appointed to the Council by the Governor General.

How many nominations are received each year?

The average number of nominations received in recent years has been approximately 400 per year.

What happens to a nomination that is not accepted?

All nominations are kept on file for five years. Those that the Advisory Council judges most worthy are automatically held for reconsideration at future meetings. If the Chancellery is advised of any new achievements which would warrant renewed consideration, files that were previously considered but not recommended are also brought to the attention of the Advisory Council.



What role do politicians play in selecting members of the Order?

The Order of Canada was designed to be non-partisan, and the nomination process reflects this feature. No politicians sit on the Advisory Council, although they have the same right as any other individual to nominate a fellow citizen or to act as a reference for a fellow citizen.

Is anyone prevented from being appointed to the Order?

Federal and provincial politicians and judges may not be appointed while holding office.

Can the Order be given to people who are not Canadians?

The Constitution of the Order permits foreigners who have performed extraordinary service for Canada to be considered for appointment as Honorary Officers.

What do the members of the Order receive?

Those appointed to the Order receive a certificate signed by the Governor General, the insignia and ribbons of the Order for formal occasions, and a "snowflake" lapel pin for informal occasions. They also earn the right to use the letters C.C. (for Companions), O.C. (for Officers), or C.M. (for Members) after their names.

Can people be promoted within the Order?

Yes. An individual who has been appointed to one level may be considered for promotion to another level as a result of continued service to Canada. Such elevations are seldom made within five years of the initial appointment.

Can the Order be taken away from someone?

The Constitution of the Order contains a clause that allows for suspension of membership in the Order, but this provision has never been exercised.

Can the Order be awarded posthumously?

No.

What happens when a member of the Order dies?

Appointments automatically end with the death of a member, and his or her insignia remain the property of the Order. This provision is designed to prevent trafficking in the insignia of the Order, which would give them an unintended monetary value. Members are encouraged to dispose of their badge either by returning it to the Chancellery through their last will and testament; passing it down as a family heirloom, never to be sold; or willing it to a reputable museum.

What is the relationship between the Order of Canada and the provincial orders?

The Order of Canada was created by Her Majesty The Queen, and the provincial orders by their specific Provinces; i.e. Quebec, Ontario, Saskatchewan, British Columbia and Alberta have established such orders. The provincial orders have been allocated their relative place in the Order of Precedence of the Canadian Honours System.

Who was the youngest Canadian to receive the Order?

Swimmer Anne Ottenbrite was appointed to the Order on December 17, 1984, at the age of 18.

(February 1997)



THE PREMIER OF MANITOBA

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July 17, 1997

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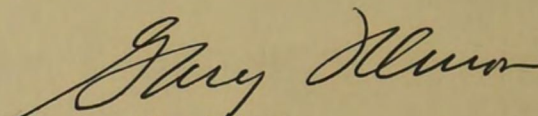
Dear Ms. Browne:

Congratulations on your recent appointment as a Member of The Order of Canada.

Your exceptional accomplishments and continued service to your community and our country make you richly deserving of the honour.

Best wishes in all your future endeavours.

Yours sincerely,


Gary Filmon





Minister of
Culture, Heritage and Citizenship

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JUL 17 1997

Ms Rachel Browne
Founder
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Ms. Browne
Dear Ms Browne:

Congratulations on being named a Member of the Order of Canada for your contribution to dance in Canada.

The Order of Canada is the highest civilian honour that Canada gives to recognize those of its citizens who have enriched the lives of all Canadians by their significant and lasting contributions in various fields of human endeavour. Your life has been dedicated to the creation and promotion of a dynamic and enduring contemporary dance presence in Canada. You richly deserve the recognition which accompanies being named a Member of the Order of Canada.

On behalf of Manitoba Culture, Heritage and Citizenship, I extend congratulations on your receipt of this well deserved honour and wish you continued success and fulfilment in all future endeavours.

Yours sincerely,

Rosemary Vodrey
Minister of Culture, Heritage
and Citizenship



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July 16, 1997

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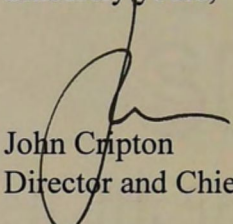
Rachel
Dear Ms. Browne:

On behalf of the National Arts Centre, I would like to offer our congratulations on being invested as a Member of the Order of Canada.

Your work in dance has enriched the lives of many Canadians.

I hope that I will have the good fortune to welcome you to the National Arts Centre in the near future.

Sincerely yours,


John Crompton
Director and Chief Executive Officer



July 29, 1997

Ms. Rachel Browne
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Dear Rachel:

CanWest Global Communications Corp. is celebrating its 20th anniversary this summer and I am turning over command to Peter Viner as I go into my new role as Executive Chairman. We have published a commemorative book sketching the history, growth and development of the Company, to mark both milestones.

I am pleased to present you with a copy of "The CanWest Global Story - The First Twenty Years," which I hope you will find of interest and retain as a memento of our good wishes on this special occasion.

To you and our many friends in Canada and around the world who have played such an important role in the CanWest story, we want to express our sincere thanks and appreciation. I am confident that the next 20 years will be every bit as exciting as our first two decades!

Sincerely,

I.H. Asper, O.C., Q.C.
Executive Chairman of the Board

PS Congrats on your "Elevation/Induction"!



MANITOBA
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

LEADER OF THE NEW DEMOCRATIC PARTY

September 25, 1997

Rachel Browne
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Dear Rachel:

I understand from your MLA, Gord Mackintosh, that you have been awarded the Order of Canada for your remarkable contribution to dance in Manitoba. I am also advised that the St. Johns NDP Association recognized your achievement by resolution of congratulations.

You have enriched our community and we are grateful that you are sharing your talents and energy with us. Once again, congratulations on receiving this important and prestigious recognition.

Yours truly,

Gary Doer
Leader of the Opposition

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Dear Ms Browne:

I congratulate you, on behalf of the Manitoba Arts Council, on your recent appointment to the Member of the Order of Canada. This outstanding achievement is a significant acknowledgment of the artistic excellence of your work.

Council recognizes with pride your substantial contributions to the art form of modern dance over the past years in Manitoba. These contributions are recognized by your peers, and promote the excellence of Manitoba modern dance both nationally and internationally.

Wishing you all the best in future endeavours.

Sincerely,

Roberta Christianson
Chair

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