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# Culture Days coming in fall

Get ready for a novel annual event to celebrate the arts across Canada.

Culture Days will make its debut in most parts of Canada from Sept. 24 to 26 — except in Alberta, where it will be held a week earlier.

Details will be announced Tuesday at a media launch, but it's already being touted as Canada's first national grassroots celebration of arts and culture — and as the largest-ever public participation campaign ever undertaken by the arts and cultural community.

Instead of inviting the public to be passive spectators while artists and performers do whatever it is they do, the defining characteristic of this event is to invite the public to participate in the creative process.

During the weekend-long celebration, Canadians of all ages will be invited to experience the world of artists, creators, designers, historians, architects, curators and other arts-makers in their natural habitats via behind-the-scenes and hands-on activities.

For instance, you could find yourself at a museum's restoration workshop or taking part in some theatre's dress rehearsal.

Within the GTA, one event might lure you to the Korean Culture Centre in North York, where you could find yourself learning the steps of a traditional Korean dance

or learning how to play the drums for the accompanying music.

Among the organizers of the event are **Antoni Cimolino**, executive director of the Stratford Festival, and **Janice Price**, chief executive of Luminato.

Sun Life Financial has signed on as corporate sponsor.

Martin Knelman

## Mo'Nique's brother sorry for abusing her

Oscar winner **Mo'Nique's** brother says he molested the actress when they were children and he wants to apologize to her.

Gerald Imes said Monday on *The Oprah Winfrey Show* that he was 13 when the molestation occurred and Mo'Nique was 7 or 8. Imes says he decided to appear on Winfrey's show to apologize to Mo'Nique and "bring back some family unity."

Mo'Nique has discussed her brother's molestation in previous interviews.

Mo'Nique received the supporting actress Academy Award in March for her role in *Precious: Based on the Novel 'Push' by Sapphire*.

Associated Press

## NFB gets 5 nominations for Webby Awards