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8 ARTISTS-IN-RESIDENCE
APPOINTED FOR REGIONS

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Norma Price Outlines
Expanded Program Plans

Tourism and Cultural Affairs Minister Norma Price has announced the appointment of eight Manitoba artists under an expanded Artist-in-Residence program of Festival/Manitoba.

Employed for an average of six months each, the artists will work in their respective regions to enhance public understanding of the role of an artist, to help co-ordinate arts programs in their areas and to lend their professional guidance in a variety of artistic disciplines to broaden the scope and number of arts-oriented programs currently available.

Noting that the Artist-in-Residence program was initiated in 1975, Mrs. Price said that this year, "in recognition of the stimulus given to the arts in Manitoba through previous artists, the program has been extended to include virtually every region in the province."

Cost of the program will be recovered through the Lotteries Trust Fund.

The artists and the work they are planning in the various regions are as follows:

. In Winnipeg, Lise Bremault will set up a studio in Le Centre Culturel where she will share her talents in fibre arts with the Francophone community and various "comites culturels" in the province. Also, June Cameron has been hired to work on a special pilot project initiated in co-operation with the River East School Division. Working primarily with fibres, she will help implement community programs within school facilities and in expanding creative activities for school children.

. In the Interlake, Byron Maclellan will conduct programs in jewellery making, carving and sculpture. Recently located in Gimli, he brings a wealth of experience in teaching carving to native people in the North, at the Winnipeg Art Gallery and various other community settings. Byron's work has been exhibited in a one-man show at Gallery 115, at the Winnipeg Art Gallery and at the Cultural Olympics in Montreal in 1976.

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. Treble Lysenko, who has been hired to serve the Westman Region, is a Fine Arts graduate of the University of Manitoba who recently completed his Master's program in painting at the University of North Dakota. He plans to introduce innovative projects into the Westman area including painting of a huge barn mural, snow sculpture and folk art workshops designed to encourage the preservation of indigenous music and history.

. The Parkland area is participating in the program for the first time this year with Marlene Jacobs, of Ochre River, as the selected artist. With her extensive background in crafts, she will be involved in instructional and exposure programs in pottery, painting, leatherwork, batik, macrame, weaving and needlepoint in several communities.

. Lenard Anthony, well-known for his work as a printmaker, will work in the Eastman area from his studio in Ladywood. Pottery, photography, silkscreening and restoration are some of his major interests. He has participated in the Manitoba Arts Council Artists-in-the-Schools program and was a recipient of a major arts grant from the Arts Council in 1977. He has also been affiliated with the Grand Western Canadian Screen Shop for several years.

. Lorna Rogan and Jack Hassard will use their skills mainly to provide organizational assistance to arts groups in their respective regions. Lorna, a long-time resident of Flin Flon who has worked with many organizations such as the Flin Flon Trout Festival and Associated Manitoba Festivals, will plan a Northern Arts Conference to deal with problems such as tour sponsorship, communications, and festival development. Jack is employed in the Central Plains Region and will concentrate on strengthening the Portage and District Arts Council and the Gladstone-Plumas Crafts Guild. He will also help organize district or regional workshops and in training of public school teachers.

Those interested in obtaining further information on the activities of the artist in their region, are asked to contact their regional Recreation Branch Office or the Cultural Affairs Branch (2nd floor, 200 Vaughan Street, Winnipeg, phone 942-5566).