

## Diplo-Dates

### March 3

Bulgaria's National day

### March 6

Ghana's National day

### March 10 – 13

Baltic Film Festival: The Canadian Film Institute hosts its fifth festival of films from the three Baltic nations, Lithuania, Estonia and Latvia. The Baltic Film Festival is organized in collaboration with the Embassy of Lithuania, the Embassy of Latvia, and the Estonian Film Foundation. For information, visit CFI's website: [www.cfi-icf.ca](http://www.cfi-icf.ca) or phone (613) 232-6727.

### March 12

Mauritius' National Day

### March 13

Latin carnival: More than 15 Latin American embassies are presenting a music and costume celebration with workshops and a parade at the Museum of Civilization, 1-4 p.m.

### March 17

Ireland's St. Patrick's Day



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### March 17-19

The National Ballet of Canada presents Cinderella at the

National Arts Centre. To find out more about this ballet, visit [www.national.ballet.ca](http://www.national.ballet.ca) or phone the NAC at (613) 947-7000.

### March 20

Tunisia's Proclamation of Independence Day

### March 23

Pakistan's National Day



NATIONAL GALLERY OF CANADA

### March 23 – June 5

ItuKiaġatta!: The National Gallery of Canada presents this exhibition featuring more than 45 sculptures from the TD's collection of Inuit art. ItuKiaġatta, is an Inuit expression meaning "How it amazes us". With works from the historic period to the mid-20th century, the collection represents an early, vital period in the development of Inuit art.

For information, visit [www.national.gallery.ca](http://www.national.gallery.ca), contact the National Gallery of Canada at (613) 990-1985.

### March 26

Bangladesh's National Day

### April 2

7th Annual International Ball:

This year, the ball will have a New Zealand flavour with a special "kiwi" theme. Tickets cost \$200 and can be purchased at by calling David at 563-1983 ext. 630 or Michael at 841-6006.

### April 4

Senegal's Independence Day

### April 15-17

Ottawa Art Festival: Exhibition and sale of original art. This event raises funds for The Kidney Foundation. It takes place at the Aberdeen Pavilion, Lansdowne Park. For more information, visit [www.ottawaartfestival.com](http://www.ottawaartfestival.com) or contact Crystal at 724-9953.

### April 16

Denmark's National Day

### April 17

Syria's National Day

### April 18

Zimbabwe's National Day

### April 26

Tanzania's Union Day

### April 27

Sierra Leone's Republic Day

South Africa's Freedom Day

Togo's National Day

### April 28-30

A night at the Opera: Filumena is an all-Canadian production to be shown during the National Arts Centre's Alberta Scene. For information, see [www.albertascene.ca](http://www.albertascene.ca) or call 947-7000.

### April 30

Netherlands celebrates the Birthday of Her Majesty Queen Beatrix

### May 3

World Press Freedom Day

### May 5 to 23

Canadian Tulip Festival: The 2005 edition of the Canadian Tulip Festival will commemorate the 60th anniversary of the end of World War II and the gift of tulips to Canadians with the theme "A Celebration of Peace and Friendship." For information, visit [www.tulipfestival.ca](http://www.tulipfestival.ca) or call 1-800-66-TULIP or (613) 567-4447.

### May 6

WaterCan's Embassy Dinner: Once again more than 50 embassies and high commissions will be sharing their culture through food and drink at this popular 11th annual dinner. For more information, visit [www.watercan.com](http://www.watercan.com) or call (613) 230-5182.

### May 6-8

Festival of Quilts: The Ottawa Valley Quilters Guild presents this festival at the R.A. Centre, 2451 Riverside Dr., in Ottawa. See the website, [ottawavalleyquiltersguild.org/](http://ottawavalleyquiltersguild.org/) or contact [j.g.morin@sympatico.ca](mailto:j.g.morin@sympatico.ca) for more information.

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