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ALBERTA'S CENTENNIAL 2005

Signposts of Alberta History

1912: Calgary's Grand Theatre, with 1,200 seats, is built by James Lougheed.

1910: Vaudeville is the most common genre of touring show in Canada. A program at Lethbridge's Lyceum Theatre includes a trained dog act, a trick bicycle rider and a ventriloquist.

1934: Douglas Cardinal, Aboriginal architect and designer of the Canadian Museum of Civilization in Quebec, is born in Red Deer.

1957: The Jubilee Auditoria are opened in Calgary and Edmonton. Since then 30.4 million people have attended performances.

1966: The Glenbow Alberta Institute is established in Calgary. It is western Canada's largest museum with over 1 million artifacts and approximately 28,000 works of art.

1976: The Native Cultural Arts Museum is opened in the Lesser Slave Lake area to promote Aboriginal arts and crafts.

1978: The Big Rock becomes the first natural feature designated as an official Provincial Historic Site. Located seven kilometres west of Okotoks, Big Rock is North America's largest glacial erratic.

1982: The Edmonton International Fringe Theatre Festival is founded. It is the first and largest of its kind in North America.

1990: The Tyrrell Museum of Palaeontology is re-named the Royal Tyrrell Museum by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

1997: The Francis Winspear Centre for Music opens in Edmonton with support from all three levels of government.



Photo courtesy of the Provincial Archives of Alberta. *The River of No Return*, being filmed above in Jasper in 1953, featured Marilyn Monroe and Robert Mitchum. Other films shot in Alberta include: *Fargo*, *Lonesome Dove: The Outlaw Years*, *Superman I, II and III* and *Doctor Zhivago*.

- Alberta is home to 18 provincial historic sites and museums offering a variety of events and programs throughout the year for Albertans and visitors of all ages.
- Alberta's schools encourage an appreciation of culture by teaching 18 foreign and Aboriginal languages.
- Alberta is home to five UNESCO World Heritage Sites: the Canadian Rocky Mountain Parks, Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump, Dinosaur Provincial Park, Wood Buffalo National Park and Waterton Glacier International Peace Park.
- The Banff Centre's unique Aboriginal Arts Program is a multidisciplinary offering of dance, music, theatre, film/video, media, and visual and literary arts.
- Many noted artists have Alberta roots including:
 - Jann Arden, a singer and songwriter;
 - Ruth Carse, a dancer who founded the Alberta Ballet;
 - Kevin Cottam, the former choreographer for figure skater Kurt Browning;
 - Grant MacEwan, author of more than 50 books;
 - W.O. Mitchell, author of *Who Has Seen the Wind*;
 - Norman Yates, a painter and respected teacher;
 - Anne Wheeler, the filmmaker of *Bye Bye Blues* and the director of episodes of the television show *This is Wonderland*.

Celebrate our past. Imagine our future.

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