

## **BACKGROUNDER**

### **ROYAL VISIT LOCATIONS AND ORGANIZATIONS**

#### **Globe Theatre**

Globe Theatre is Saskatchewan's largest professional theatre company, programming as many as 12 productions between its main stage season and Shumiatcher Sandbox Series. Globe Theatre's main stage is Canada's only permanent, professional "theatre in the round" seating 406 patrons.

His Royal Highness The Prince Edward, Earl of Wessex, granted his royal patronage to Globe Theatre in 1992. He and his wife, Her Royal Highness The Countess of Wessex, will mark Globe Theatre's half century of live theatre by attending Globe Theatre's "50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala Celebration" on Wednesday, June 22 at the Conexus Arts Centre. The Gala will feature one of Globe's most popular productions, *A Closer Walk With Patsy Cline*, starring Saskatchewan's own Devra Straker in the role of Patsy.

Globe Theatre is greatly involved in the development of new artists, and boasts a popular theatre school program for children, adolescents and adults, as well as an actor conservatory program, to train the next series of professional actors and develop a company within the Regina area.

#### **The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award**

The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award is the world's leading youth achievement award, bringing together practical experiences and life skills to create committed global citizens. The Award believes that not all learning happens in the classroom and strives to equip all Canadians aged 14-24 for success in life. By recognizing all of the amazing things young people can do and learn outside the boundaries of formal education, the Award empowers them to discover hidden talents, develop untapped leadership potential, make a difference in their community and explore the wonders of the great outdoors. The personal journey to earn the Award requires young people to look beyond their comfort zone and tap into their sense of discovery. Participants set and achieve personal goals in activities they want to experience and develop, making each Award a unique journey. The Award program came to Canada in 1963 and currently operates in all 10 provinces and three territories. Currently, over 50,000 young Canadians and one million youth in over 143 countries are enrolled in the Award. His Royal Highness The Prince Edward, Earl of Wessex, is Chair of The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award Foundation and a Gold Award Achiever himself.

#### **Government House**

Government House was built in 1891 and first served as the official residence of the Lieutenant Governor of the Northwest Territories before Saskatchewan became a province. Today, Government House is home to the working office of Saskatchewan's Lieutenant Governor, The Queen's representative in the province. It is also a public museum and a National Historic Site. Government House has also hosted numerous royal visits over the years, including Her Majesty on three separate occasions. In 2016, Government House celebrates its 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with engaging anniversary exhibits, programs and events. Government House is located at 4607 Dewdney Avenue in Regina.

## **RCMP Heritage Centre**

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police have been an integral part of Canada's historical and cultural landscape since 1873, helping to form and protect our great nation, and playing a significant role in creating the Canadian identity. Situated on the doorstep of RCMP Academy in Regina, Saskatchewan, where Mounties have trained since 1885, the RCMP Heritage Centre, a not-for-profit charitable organization, is appropriately located where the tradition begins. The Centre brings to life the incredible story of the RCMP and its role in the development of Canada using state of the art exhibits, multimedia technologies, and engaging programming and tours.