



## OLYMPIC GOLD AT SASKATCHEWAN PAVILION

Olympic Gold medalist Joan McCusker is at the Saskatchewan Pavilion in Vancouver today to help celebrate Saskatchewan Day.

“It is so exciting to be a part of the Winter Games in Vancouver and see the Canadian pride on display everywhere,” McCusker said. “Our province has a great presence and I am so proud to say I’m from Saskatchewan.”

McCusker was instrumental in coordinating the Torch Relay in Saskatchewan, and in planning the province’s pavilion for the Winter Games.

McCusker won a gold medal in curling at the 1998 Winter Olympics with the Sandra Schmirler team.

“That experience, combined with her enthusiasm and passion for both sport, and this province, made her an ideal person to have as part of our Olympic team,” Minister for Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport Dustin Duncan said. “She embodies the Olympic spirit and inspires others to do their best.”

Feb. 23 has been designated as “Saskatchewan Day” as part of VANOC’s Contributing Province/Territory Program (CPTP).

McCusker will be on hand at the Saskatchewan pavilion to MC.

Meanwhile, the day culminates with a 30-minute live production at the Victory Ceremony in Vancouver’s BC Place Stadium, which takes place right before the medal presentations.

Saskatchewan’s show will include performances by Kyle Riabko from Saskatoon, the Whitefish Juniors from Big River, and Library Voices from Regina. The show will be hosted by the creator and star of the Canadian sitcom *Corner Gas*, Brent Butt, and produced by Emmy award-winning producer Ron Goetz.

For more information on the Saskatchewan Day entertainers, and Saskatchewan’s pavilion at the Olympics, go to [www.saskpavilion.ca](http://www.saskpavilion.ca).



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