Acadians in Canada Invite
Louisiana Friends to Fete
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A report from Canada indicates that the Canadian Acadians are looking forward to a special bicentennial pilgrimage and pageant at Blackham Coliseum in Montebello, Quebec, to be held April 13 to 15. The pageant, sponsored by the Council of Acadian Centennial Celebrations, will be held in cooperation with the Montreal Film Festival. Reports from Canada indicate that the Acadians, who have been in Canada since the early 17th century, are planning a number of bicentennial activities to commemorate their heritage.

The Acadians are a French-speaking people who settled in Louisiana and parts of the southeastern United States in the late 17th and early 18th centuries. They were expelled from their homeland in France by the French government, which feared they would support the British during the American Revolutionary War. They were later allowed to return to France, but many chose to remain in the New World, where they established themselves in the region that is now Louisiana.

The Acadians in Canada are part of a larger group of Acadians who live in the United States, particularly in Louisiana and Nova Scotia. They continue to celebrate their French heritage and maintain close ties with their counterparts in the United States.

The Canadian Acadians are planning a number of activities to commemorate their bicentennial, including the pilgrimage and pageant at Blackham Coliseum. The pageant will feature traditional Acadian music, dance, and theatre, and is expected to attract a large audience.

The Acadians in Canada are also planning a number of other activities, including a bicentennial symposium and a bicentennial exhibition. These events are expected to draw visitors from across Canada and the United States.

The Acadians in Canada are a vibrant community, with a rich cultural heritage. They continue to celebrate their French roots and maintain close ties with their counterparts in the United States.

For more information on the Acadians in Canada and their bicentennial celebrations, please visit the website of the Council of Acadian Centennial Celebrations.