

# ALBERTA BY NUMBERS

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- Number of puppet characters in *Tinka's New Dress*, the 1996 work that made Ronnie Burkett an international star: 30
- Number of special citations Burkett received at the 1999 Obie off-Broadway awards: 1
- Number of prizes won by Lethbridge artists Janet Cardiff and George Bures Miller at the 49th Venice Biennale, June 2001, for *The Paradise Institute*: 2
- Number of previous Canadian winners of La Biennale di Venezia Special Award: 0
- Cash value of Cardiff's and Miller's Benesse Prize: ¥1-million
- Record-breaking radio listenership of the song "How You Remind Me", by Nickelback (from Hanna): 131 million
- Previous record for rock single, notched by Santana's "Smooth" in December 1999: 116 million
- Worldwide sales of Edmonton-based BioWare's award-winning *Baldur's Gate* video game: over 4 million units
- Number of countries *Baldur's Gate* is available in: 33
- Number of animation paint colours available from Calgary manufacturer Chromacolour, whose customers include MTV, Disney, Warner Bros. and DreamWorks: over 1,800
- Number of consecutive years Alex Wells, now of Morley, has won World Champion Hoop Dance title at competition sponsored by Heard Museum of aboriginal cultures, Phoenix, Arizona: 2
- Approximate size of audience at annual event: 11,000
- Average share value 1989-92 of Bre-X, which turned out to be largest mining scam in history of world: 27¢; peak value: \$286.50
- Dollar value of gold Bre-X claimed to have discovered at Busang: US\$60-billion
- Percentage of world's gold supply this would have constituted: 8
- Price of an "I Survived Bre-X" t-shirt from Toronto vendor: \$12.95
- Amount of loan 18-year-old Kelly Streit asked his father to guarantee to open modelling agency in Red Deer: \$8,000
- Number of models discovered by Streit in rural Alberta who have since gone on to runway and magazine success in New York and Paris: 27
- Number of U of C astronomers involved in ODIN research satellite now orbiting near you: 3
- Number of countries partnering with Canada in ODIN project: 3
- Rank of U of A School of Business among international business schools outside U.S.: 2
- Rank of Alberta universities among top 50 research schools in Canada, 2000: U of A, 4; U of C, 12; U Leth, 47

