

"When I was contacted regarding the festival — after sending examples of my work to Ottawa — I was quite surprised. There was a very large contingency of people who applied to participate in this program, so to be one of only 150 is a real honour."

Featuring images from both his Dutch heritage and Canadian scenes, Frijters said his tulip will tell the story of how the festival began.

In the fall of 1945, Princess Juliana of the Netherlands presented Ottawa with 100,000 tulip bulbs in appreciation for the safe haven Holland's exiled royal family received during the Second World War and in recognition of the role which Canadian