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Théâtre français de Toronto presents Molière's *The School for Wives*, A Great Love Lesson

Toronto, February 22, 2011: Théâtre français de Toronto (TfT) is pleased to present Molière's masterpiece *The School for Wives*. Directed by **Diana Leblanc**, this brilliant comedy will be presented in French (English surtitles for half of the performances) at the Berkeley Street Theatre from April 6 to 23, opening on Friday, April 8.

AT THE AGE OF FORTY, Molière made the biggest mistake of his life, and by doing so gave life to one of his best pieces. He married Armande Béjart, a young girl who would cheat on him and publicly insult him, just like Agnès, who in *L'École des femmes*, destroys the man who wants to make her his prisoner, forbidding her from the world, her thoughts, her feelings.

Premiering on December 26, 1662, *L'École des femmes* can be considered the first great classical comedy. We learn that at the school of love, there are the gifted and the dunces. Love is a great teacher for those who are open to learning and a stern judge for those who think they know it all. In the art of love, innocence, youth, and women always get the top marks.

"Delightful... Diana Leblanc's staging is inventive... delicious production" – *The Toronto Star* on *Le Bourgeois gentilhomme*.

Featuring Alain DOOM, Geneviève DUFOUR, Thomas GALLEZOT, France GAUTHIER, Robert GODIN, Glen Charles LANDRY, Jean-Michel LEGAL and Jean-Simon TRAVERSY.

Directed by Diana LEBLANC · Assistant Director Jean-Simon TRAVERSY. Set and Lights Dominic MANCA · Costumes Jorge SANDOVAL · Stage management Gabriel DUBÉ · Surtitles™: Gunta Dreifelds.

A production by THÉÂTRE FRANÇAIS DE TORONTO.

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The School for Wives by MOLIÈRE

Directed by **Diana LEBLANC**

April 6 to 23, 2011

Théâtre français de Toronto | Berkeley Street Theatre Upstairs – 26 Berkeley Street, Toronto.

OPENING: Friday, April 8 at 8PM

Previews: April 6 and 7 at 8PM

Evening Performances: Wed. to Sat. at 8:00 PM – **Sat. Mat.:** Apr 16 and 23 at 3:30 PM – **Sun Mat.:** Apr 10 and 17 at 2:30 PM **English Surtitled Performances:** Apr 6, 7, 8, 13, 22 at 8 PM; April 20 at 7:30 PM; Apr. 16 and 23 at 3:30 PM.

Fundraiser: April 20 at 6 PM – show at 7:30 PM, tickets: \$100.

Tickets: Adults: \$33 to \$57 | Students, Seniors, and Groups: \$28 to \$57. Pay-What-You-Can Wed. evenings.

Box Office: (416) 534-6604 or 1-800-819-4981 and www.theatrefrancais.com

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