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Théâtre français de Toronto offers funny, heart-tugging look at life and death

Théâtre français de Toronto is thrilled to welcome back the legendary **Viola Léger** in **Grace & Gloria**, **Tom Ziegler's** hit play in a translation by Tft's favourite living author, **Michel Tremblay**. The play will be presented in French at Berkeley Street Theatre March 21 to April 1.

Since its hit premiere, this play has been selling out wherever it performed and this production marks the return of the Acadian star, best known to English-speaking audiences for making *La Sagouine* a worldwide celebrity.

The story takes place in the Blue Ridge Mountains in Virginia. Grace is expecting to live her last moments in solitude, surrounded by the din of demolition trucks which are destroying everything she and her late husband had spent their life building. Gloria arrives. She is a career woman who has moved out of the city and she has come to be a volunteer caregiver to Grace. The two women, from radically different backgrounds, get to know each other and establish a deep friendship as they gradually open up about their most personal concerns and beliefs.

A coproduction of Théâtre de l'Île from Gatineau and Théâtre populaire d'Acadie from Caraquet. With **Viola Léger** and **Danielle Grégoire**; directed by **Sylvie Dufour**; lighting: **Louise Lemieux**; Set, costumes and props: **Luc Rondeau**; Soundscape: **Gilles Beauchamp**; Stage manager: **Mathieu Charette**.

Grace & Gloria is an intimate and deeply moving play. A hymn to life in Michel Tremblay's beautiful translation. Danielle Grégoire plays a superb Gloria to Viola Léger's Grace.

The following performances will be presented with English SURTITLES™: March 22 and 28 at 8 p.m. and March 31st at 3:30 p.m.

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GRACE & GLORIA by Tom Ziegler, translated by Michel Tremblay
March 21st to April 1st, 2007

Théâtre français de Toronto

Berkeley Street Theatre, 26, Berkeley Street, "Upstairs"

Previews: March 21 and 22; **Opening:** Friday, March 23

Performances: Wednesday to Saturday at 8:00PM

English SURTITLES™: March 22 and 28 at 8 p.m. and March 31st at 3:30p.m.

Saturday Matinées: @ 3:30PM / **Sunday Matinées:** @ 2:30PM

Tickets: \$28 to \$46/ Students, seniors: \$23 to \$31

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"An ode to life!" Voir

"A perfect recipe to forget winter's greyness." Le Droit

About TfT: founded in 1967, TfT is one of the most important francophone theatre companies in Canada outside of Quebec. While appealing to all lovers of French-language theatre, TfT contributes to the cultural and educational development of Toronto's francophone community. Since its creation, TfT has presented over 200 productions. It sells 10,000 tickets every season and has more than 900 subscribers.

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