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**TFT launches its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary season with Molière's masterpiece**  
***LE MISANTHROPE***

- Reason Cannot Rule Love -

**Toronto, ON (Sept. 10, 2007).** Théâtre français de Toronto is proud to open its 40th season with Molière's masterpiece *Le Misanthrope*. An original TFT production, the play will be directed by the award-winning Jean-Stéphane Roy. *Le Misanthrope* will be presented from October 24 to November 10 at the Berkeley Street Theatre.

Alceste is at odds with humankind for its lack of loyalty and the hypocrisies inherent in social conventions. Despite this, he is in love with Célimène, a flighty, shallow and heartless coquette, but fails to understand why she would refuse to follow him far from this mundane world, and live happily somewhere in isolation.

In *Le Misanthrope*, Molière gives us memorable scenes and delivers his thoughts on authenticity and frankness, as opposed to the compromises that those who want to live in harmony with humankind must accept; and his thoughts on one's self respect and the respect of one's own opinions, as opposed to the need to follow fashion. Molière has created characters and situations which bridge centuries and demonstrate that, when it comes to human nature, things haven't changed much in 300 years!

Featuring **Mélanie Beauchamp, Éric Charbonneau, Julian Doucet, Marc Ouimet, Karine Ricard, Gisèle Rousseau, Benoit Saint-Hilaire, Pierre Simpson et Manuel Verreydt.**  
Set and lighting Design: **Glen Charles Landry** | Costumes: **Nina Okens** |  
Stage Management: **Dominic Manca. A Théâtre français de Toronto production.**

**The following performances will be presented with English SURTITLES™, sponsored by Sun Life Financial: October 25 and 31, November 2 and 8 at 8pm, November 10 at 3:30pm.**

TFT thanks this production's sponsor, TD Bank Financial Group.

***Le Misanthrope* by Molière | Directed by Jean-Stéphane Roy**  
**October 24 to November 10, 2007**  
**Théâtre français de Toronto**

Berkeley Street Theatre Upstairs | 26 Berkeley Street Toronto

**Opening:** Friday, October 26 at 8PM | **Previews:** October 24 and 25 at 8PM

**Performances:** Wednesday to Saturday at 8PM

**With SURTITLES™:** October 25 and 31, November 2 and 8 at 8PM, November 10 at 3:30PM

**Saturday Matinées:** November 3 & 10 @ 3:30PM

**Sunday Matinées:** October 28 and November 4 @ 2:30PM

**Tickets:** \$29 to \$46/ Students, seniors and groups: \$24 to \$32

**Box office:** 416.534.6604 or 1.800.819.4981

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**About Tft: The 07-08 season marks Tft's 40 years.** Founded in 1967, Tft is one of the most important francophone theatre companies in Canada and the only one in Southern Ontario offering a full season of diverse productions for audiences of all ages. While appealing to all lovers of French-language theatre, Tft contributes to the cultural and educational development of Toronto's francophone community. It sells 11,500 tickets annually and has about 950 subscribers. Since April 2005, Tft has offered performances with English surtitles™, which provide a wider choice of entertainment for Ontarians and enable Tft patrons to bring their friends and family who do not necessarily speak French.

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