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**Théâtre français de Toronto presents the original French production of *BASHIR LAZHAR*
by 2006 Governor General Award Winner Evelyne de la Chenelière**

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Toronto, October 16th, 2008 - Théâtre français de Toronto welcomes Montreal's **Théâtre d'Aujourd'hui** with *Bashir Lazhar* a moving one man play by **Evelyne de la Chenelière**, winner of the 2006 Governor General Award. A play about the culture shock experienced by those who arrive in a new land, *Bashir Lazhar* will be presented in French at the Berkeley Street Theatre from November 26 to 30, 2008.

A gentle and humorous ode to life, *Bashir Lazhar* retraces the journey of a political refugee who lands in Québec and who at a moment's notice fills in for a grade six teacher. With a passion for teaching young people, this educator goes against the current to instruct more about tenderness and justice than spelling and grammar. Beyond the discrepancy between an immigrant's expectations and his country of refuge arises a profound reflection on numerous subjects that touch us all: the place of schools in our society, immigration, problems of integration in Canada, and the fear of foreigners.

Directed by **Daniel Brière** and starring **Denis Gravereaux**. A **Théâtre d'Aujourd'hui** production.

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Bashir Lazhar by Evelyne de la Chenelière

November 26 to 30, 2008

Théâtre français de Toronto

Berkeley Street Theatre Upstairs - 26 Berkeley Street

Evening performances: Wednesday to Saturday at 8PM

Saturday matinee at 3:30PM | **Sunday matinee** at 2:30PM

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

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