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Le Dîner de Cons (The Dinner Game)

by Francis Veber

COULD VEBER BE THE MOLIÈRE OF OUR TIME?

Toronto, March 2, 2009 –The Théâtre français de Toronto (TFT) is pleased to close its season with Francis Veber's ***Le Dîner de Cons (The Dinner Game)***. An original TFT production, the play will be directed by Guy Mignault, TFT's artistic director. This hilarious comedy runs at the Berkeley Street Theatre from April 22 to May 9, 2009.

This piece, a cult hit onstage and in film, has become synonymous with scathing comedy that denounces the excesses of today's society. Its premise begins with some characters tracking down a complete idiot and inviting him to dinner with the intention of mocking him the entire evening without him ever realizing it. But what happens when the game does not unfold as planned, when nothing seems to stop the invited idiot from making things worse? The result, much to our amusement, is one of the most hilarious and intelligent comedies of our age. Nothing is left to chance. Between continuous mistaken identity, ongoing word games, and table-turning situations, it is impossible for us to avoid both a serious case of the giggles and a critical look at society. We are sure to see humour displayed in all its forms as society's excess is gleefully denounced.

Directed by **Guy Mignault**. Featuring **Stéphanie Broschart, Paul Essiembre, Marianne Lambert, Jean-Michel Le Gal, René Lemieux,** and **Pierre Simpson**.

An original production of the Théâtre français de Toronto.

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April 22 – May 9, 2009

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

Evening performances: Wednesday to Saturday at 8 p.m.

Saturday matinee: May 2 and 9 at 3:30 p.m.

Sunday matinee: April 26 and May 3 at 2:30 p.m.

English-surtitled performances: April 23 and 24 (Opening Night), May 1, 6 and 9 at 8 p.m. and May 9 at 3:30 p.m.

Tickets: \$29 to \$46 | Students, Seniors, and Groups: \$24 to \$32

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