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Une maison face au nord (A North-Facing House)

by Jean-Rock Gaudreault

ZOOM IN ON AN EXUBERANT CULTURAL DIVERSITY!

Toronto, November 11, 2008 –Théâtre français de Toronto (TfT) is proud to present ***Une maison face au nord (A North-Facing House)*** by Jean-Rock Gaudreault in a remarkable co-production of Théâtre la Rubrique from Saguenay, Théâtre Tandem from Rouyn-Noranda, and Théâtre français de Toronto. This dramatic comedy runs at the Berkeley Street Theatre from February 25 to March 8, 2009.

OSCILLATING BETWEEN FAMILY DRAMA AND A COMEDY OF MANNERS, ***A North-Facing House*** takes on some serious subjects, such as the rural exodus, the integration of immigrants, and generational conflict, all of which are dramatized with the author's humour spicing up the text. Between a son pursued for money laundering, a young Guatemalan worker, and an elderly Pole, a man in his twilight years (played by Guy Mignault) feels at a dead end despite the kindness and good sense of his wife (played by Louise Dussault). He sees the heritage that he created and the country of his dreams inexorably losing its sense and future. Far from witnessing the collapse of a microscopic world, something quite different happens, which allows us to tackle questions of spirituality confronting today's reality. Jean-Rock Gaudreault, whose work TfT first presented in 1999 with ***La Raccourcie***, has become a definite pillar of Canadian francophone theatre.

Directed by **Jacinte Potvin**. Featuring **Marcelo Arroyo, Éric Chalifour, Louise Dussault, A.-J. Henderson, Guy Mignault, and Sara Simard**. A co-production of Théâtre français de Toronto, Théâtre la Rubrique (Saguenay), and Théâtre du Tandem (Rouyn-Noranda).

TfT wishes to thank the show's sponsor, the law firm Heenan Blaikie.

UNE MAISON FACE AU NORD (A North-Facing House), by Jean-Rock Gaudreault

February 25 – March 8, 2009

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

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

Saturday matinee: March 7 at 3:30 p.m.

Sunday matinee: March 1 and 8 at 2 :30 p.m.

English-surtitled performances: February 26 and 27 (Opening Night) and March 4 and 7 at 8 p.m.

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

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