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A candid look at violence among girls

**Joan Mcleod's THE SHAPE OF A GIRL opens youth programming at
Théâtre français de Toronto**

**"So powerful and real, it leaves you thinking about it long after the last line is
spoken...brilliant, inspiring theatre." - Calgary Sun**

Toronto, September 7, 2005. Théâtre français de Toronto opens its 38th season's Youth Programming with a candid look at one of the most pressing problems with today's youth: violence among girls.

Cette fille-là (The Shape of a Girl), a remarkable text by Governor General Award winner Joan Macleod, in a translation by Olivier Choinière, pulls no punches. Braidie is 15 years old. She is a typical teenager, sometimes funny, sometimes touching, often outrageous, with preoccupations common to all girls her age: school, clothes, relations with her mother, but also with Adrienne, the leader of her gang. Nothing out of the ordinary, until, one day, the murder of a teenaged girl is reported on the news...

The story, inspired by the murder of Reena Virk in Victoria in 1997, is sure to move young people and their parents alike. What could possibly prompt young girls to commit acts whose cruelty defies the imagination?

The play has broken attendance records for school matinees at La Nouvelle Scène in Ottawa and has won two Jessies in Vancouver, Prize for best youth programming production and Prize for best interpretation for Stéphanie Kym Tougas.

Cette fille-là (The Shape of a Girl) by Joan Mcleod, translation by Olivier Choinière, with Stéphanie Kym Tougas, directed by Joël Beddows, sets and costumes by Julie Martens, video by Amos Hertzman, lighting design by Glen Charles Landry, soundscape by Jules Bonin-Ducharme.

A coproduction Théâtre la Catapulte (Ottawa) and Théâtre La Seizième (Vancouver) in collaboration with Théâtre français du Centre national des Arts (Ottawa).

Cette fille-là (The Shape of A Girl) by Joan Mcleod

School matinees: October 11 - 14, 2005
Public performance: Thursday October 13 at 7 pm

Théâtre français de Toronto
Berkeley Street Theatre, 26, Berkeley Street, "Upstairs"

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