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**STRANGE GOINGS ON AT THE RIMOUSKI MUSEUM!  
TFT's own GUY MIGNAULT stars in LA SOCIÉTÉ DE MÉTIS**

**Toronto, November 17, 2005** – Théâtre français de Toronto is proud to introduce **NORMAND CHAURETTE**, one of the only Canadian writers to have a play staged at la Comédie Française. *La Société de Métis*, starring Guy Mignault, TFT's Artistic Director, is a poetic and remarkably dramatic play which takes us to Métis-sur-Mer, a small community on the south shore of the lower Saint Lawrence River. *La Société de Métis* opens at Berkeley Street Theatre on Friday, February 17 and runs to February 26, 2006.

Zoé, a wealthy heiress, reigns on Métis and its gardens, surrounded by guests whose friendship she buys with lavish gifts. On a beautiful summer day, she catches sight of a painter at work on portraits of her and her guests. From then on, Zoé becomes obsessed with one thing: possessing the portraits. But the painter will not sell them. Money, flattery, manipulation, threats, nothing seems to work. Nothing?

In this mysterious fiction, Normand Chaurette explores humankind's obsession with the desire to be immortal. **JOËL BEDDOWS**, Artistic Director of Ottawa's Théâtre la Catapulte, directs this wryly humorous play, written more than twenty years ago and completely revised for the occasion.

This production is a collaboration between Théâtre français de Toronto, Théâtre la Catapulte (Ottawa), Théâtre français du Centre national des Arts (Ottawa), and Théâtre Blanc (Québec).

Before coming to Toronto, *La Société de Métis* will be presented at the National Arts Centre in Ottawa from November 23 to 26, 2005 and Québec city from January 24 to February 12, 2006.

With **LINA BLAIS, ÉRIKA GAGNON, HUGO LAMARRE** and **GUY MIGNAULT**; Set Design: **JEAN HAZEL**; Costume Design, wigs and makeup : **ISABELLE BÉLISLE**; Lighting Design: **GLEN CHARLES LANDRY**; Soundscape : **JULES BONIN-DUCHARME**; Staging Consultant : **DOMINIQUE LAFON**; Touring Stage Manager: **FRANCE BOILY**.

***La Société de Métis (Métis' Society)* by Normand Chaurette  
February 15 to 26, 2006**

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

**Opening:** Friday, February 17 @ 8:00 PM  
**Previews :** February 15 and 16 @ 8:00 PM  
**Evening shows:** Wednesday to Saturday @ 8:00 PM

**Saturday matinée:** Feb 18 & 25 @ 3:30 PM / **Sunday matinée:** Feb 19 & 26 @ 2:30 PM  
**Tickets:** \$28 to \$36 / Students, seniors and groups: \$23 to \$31

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