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For the tenth year in a row, Laurentian Bank is proud to support Théâtre du Nouveau Monde as official host of *La Savetière Prodigieuse*

Montreal, January 10, 2005 – Laurentian Bank is pleased to be a partner of Théâtre du Nouveau Monde (TNM) in presenting its new play *La Savetière Prodigieuse* by Federico Garcia Lorca, directed by Martine Beaulne, and starring Nathalie Mallette and Jacques Godin. The Bank has been a sponsor of TNM for ten years now.

On TNM's stage from January 11 through February 2, *La Savetière Prodigieuse* marks the return of Martine Beaulne, renowned for her unforgettable director work on *La Locandiera* by Goldoni, presented by TNM. Drawing on his life-long fascination for street performers, music and songs, the Spanish poet and playwright Federico Garcia Lorca (1898-1936) created this poetic and musical fable charged with action and story developments. A real feast for senses for fans of all ages!

True to its tradition of excellence and showing deep concern for the quality of stage productions, Théâtre du Nouveau Monde is a privileged partner of Laurentian Bank. And we are proud to invite you to this festive and spirited theatre play, which masterfully blends flamenco dancing, a puppet show and Spanish songs.

Laurentian Bank and its employees are pleased to be partners of this production. Such sponsorship is part of the Bank's numerous initiatives aimed at supporting organizations that are recognized for the excellence of their work. Thus, the Bank participates in the development of the communities where it is present, on the economic, social, community-life, sports and cultural levels. This involvement also finds expression in the active and personal contribution of its managers and employees.

About Laurentian Bank

Founded in 1846, Laurentian Bank ranks seventh among Canadian Schedule I banks, with assets in excess of \$16 billion and close to \$15 billion in assets under management. The Bank offers highly competitive products and superior personalized service to meet the banking and financial needs of individuals, small and medium-sized businesses and independent financial advisors. The Bank's common shares are traded on the Toronto Stock Exchange (ticker symbol: LB). The address of the Bank's website is www.laurentianbank.com.

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