

## Press Release

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### PRIX AUTEUR DRAMATIQUE BANQUE LAURENTIENNE

**Montréal, January 13, 2011** – This year, the public has selected **Jennifer Tremblay** as the winner of the *Prix auteur dramatique Banque Laurentienne* for the 2009-2010 Season in recognition of her play *La liste*. This marks the fifth time that Laurentian Bank is associating with Théâtre d'Aujourd'hui to present this award to the dramatist whose work is the most acclaimed by subscribers. The award comes with a **cash prize of \$10,000**.



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From left to right: Jacques Vézina, codirector and administrator director – Théâtre d'Aujourd'hui, Jennifer Tremblay, author, Gladys Caron, Vice-President, Public Affairs, Communications and Investor Relations and Chantal Lapierre, Chartered Accountant - Dagenais, Lapierre, Simard et associés.

**The *Prix auteur dramatique Banque Laurentienne* was initiated to encourage Québec creation.** It is awarded to an author of a Théâtre d'Aujourd'hui production or co-production performed in the Théâtre's main hall as part of its subscription Season. The recipient is selected at the end of the Season by subscribers who determine which play was the most moving and deserving of this distinctive spotlight.

**Jennifer Tremblay** was born in 1973 in Forestville on the North Shore of the Saint Lawrence River. In 1990, she published a collection of poems entitled *Histoires de foudre*. In 1995, she graduated in Creative Literature from Université du Québec à Montréal and went on to publish short stories and articles in various magazines. She then began a Master's program in Literary Research and devoted herself entirely to the works of **Dany Laferrière**. Influenced by a long conversation with that author, she decided to abandon her studies and focus on her own writing. She penned close to 100 episodes of the children's television show *Les Chatouilles* (Radio-Canada) and a few episodes of *Bouledogue Bazar*. In 2004, she co-founded Les Éditions de la Bagnole with **Martin Larocque**. She published her first novel, *Tout ce qui brille*, along with several children's books, including *Un secret pour Matisse*, *Deux biscuits pour Sacha*, *Sacha et son Sushi*, *Miro et les canetons du lac Vert*, *Madame Zia* and *Matisse et les vaches lunaires*.

Her play, *La liste*, was awarded the **Governor General's Prize in 2008** and the **Prix Michel-Tremblay in 2010**. *La liste* is published by Les éditions de la Bagnole.

Other *Prix auteur dramatique Banque Laurentienne* winners:  
2005-2006 Season: **Wajdi Mouawad** for *Visage retrouvé*  
2006-2007 Season: **Michel Marc Bouchard** for *Des yeux de verre*  
2007-2008 Season: **Alexis Martin** for *Oreille, tigre et bruit*  
2008-2009 Season: **Wajdi Mouawad** for *Seuls*

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