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**MICHEL MARC BOUCHARD WINS THE  
“AUTEUR DRAMATIQUE BANQUE LAURENTIENNE” AWARD  
WITH HIS DRAMATIC TEXT *DES YEUX DE VERRE***

**Montreal, September 17, 2007** – At the *Théâtre d’Aujourd’hui* gala this evening, Ms. Gladys Caron, Vice-President, Public Affairs, Communications and Investor Relations at Laurentian Bank of Canada, presented the “Auteur dramatique Banque Laurentienne” Award to **Michel Marc Bouchard**, whom the *Théâtre d’Aujourd’hui* subscription patrons voted their preferred playwright of the season. The goal of this Award, which comes with a \$10,000 cash prize, is to celebrate the artist’s work, to commend his talent and to support his artistic projects.

The “Auteur dramatique Banque Laurentienne” Award was created two years ago to acknowledge the excellence of our Quebec authors. With this Award, the Bank hopes to further raise the public awareness and appreciation of Quebec’s playwrights, these passionate creators promoting the arts.

“Laurentian Bank is happy to be partners with the Award that recognizes the excellence of Quebec’s artists. The Bank thus wants to support local talents, to help them take their artistic work even further and dare creativity and imagination. Laurentian Bank is also proud to give support to *Théâtre d’Aujourd’hui*, a theatre company that plays an essential role in promoting our Quebec playwrights,” said Ms. Caron.

Each year, through its sponsorship and donation programs, Laurentian Bank of Canada supports hundreds of organizations renowned for the excellence of their work. This sponsorship is part of the Bank’s numerous initiatives with the goal to contribute to community development.

**About Laurentian Bank**

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