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Taking on TremblayFest: UWinnipeg Students Launch MTC Production

WINNIPEG—From acting and production to design and direction, The University of Winnipeg Theatre Students' Association stars in every role as they present *En Pièces Détachées (In Separate Pieces)* at MTC's TremblayFest 2005. This production, mounted in English, will run from January 20 – 26 at The University of Winnipeg.

Set in Montreal, *En Pièces Détachées* was the most successful televised play in Quebec history at the time of its broadcast in 1971-72. This popular family saga by Michel Tremblay promises intrigue and an emotional whirlwind. Neighbours peer with anticipation as the blinds close suspiciously over the window of a hot east-end tenement. They await the night's entertainment—the latest battle royale between a drunk Helene and her mother, Robertine. None are prepared for the homecoming of Helene's brother Claude, returning from the asylum where he was sent by his family 15 years earlier.

En Pièces Détachées will be directed by Honours Theatre graduate Elena Anciro. Production design is by Honours student Brenda McLean. Financial support for this project came, in part, from money raised at a successful "Tornado of Teachers" event, a talent showcase presented by Theatre Department faculty and staff for the students.

En Pièces Détachées will run from January 20 - 26 at 7:30 p.m. nightly, with a 2:00 p.m. matinee on Sunday, January 23, in Eckhardt-Gramatté Hall (3rd floor Centennial Hall, University of Winnipeg, 515 Portage Ave.). Regular admission is \$8; students and seniors pay \$6. Reservations are recommended. Call our 24-hour Reservation and Information Line at 204.786.9152, or visit The University of Winnipeg Theatre Department website at <http://theatre.uwinnipeg.ca>

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Members of the media are invited to call director Elena Anciro at 204.299.6384 or to email eanciro@hotmail.com to arrange interviews / film clips.