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"LE RIDEAU VERT"
INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL AT ROME

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Mitchell Sharp, announced today that the Montreal Theatre Company, "Le Rideau Vert" will take part in an international festival called "Prix de Rome" which will be held in the Italian capital in May. The company will receive a grant from the Canadian Government to assist it in undertaking this trip under the Canadian programme of cultural exchanges with foreign countries.

"Le Rideau Vert" will play the masterpiece of the Norwegian author Henrik Ibsen, "Hedda Gabler", on May 15 and 16. The cast will include several leading Canadian actors: Yvette Brind'Amour, Marthe Thiery, Françoise Faucher, Gilles Pelletier, Benoît Girard, Hubert Noël and Rose Rey-Duzil. The stage-setting is by Guy Hoffmann.

The Minister is pleased to notice that "Le Théâtre du Rideau Vert" was invited to participate in this important international cultural manifestation along with several other well-known theatrical groups of international reputation, such as the groups led by Jean-Louis Barrault and Roger Planchon. It will be the first time that a Canadian theatrical group will perform in Italy and this initiative will undoubtedly contribute to further development of cultural exchanges between the two countries.