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TARRAGON OPENS NEW YEAR WITH MARTIN CRIMP'S MODERN ADAPTATION OF MOLIÈRE'S THE MISANTHROPE

The Misanthrope

Toronto Premiere

by Molière in a version by Martin Crimp

**Starring: Patrick Galligan, Stephen Gartner, Michelle Giroux, Stuart Hughes,
Brandon McGibbon, Maria Ricossa, Julian Richings, Andrea Runge, David Storch**

Director: Richard Rose

Set & Costume Designer: Charlotte Dean

Lighting Designer: Andrea Lundy

Sound Designer: Mike Ross

Stage Manager: Marinda de Beer

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**The Misanthrope opens in the Mainspace on Wednesday, January 5, 2011 at
8:00 pm. Previews from Wednesday, December 29, 2010.**

Tarragon Theatre is thrilled to take on The Misanthrope by Molière in a new version by **Martin Crimp**, one of the most adept and celebrated British playwrights working today. Known for his audacious and experimental style – and for his skill as an adaptor as well as playwright – Crimp's work has appeared at the Royal Court, National Theatre and RSC.

In **Martin Crimp's** version of The Misanthrope the titular Alceste (**Stuart Hughes**) is a playwright who has dipped his toe in the world of celebrity and finds that it is not to his liking. Unfortunately for him, the desires of the heart do not align with the demands of the head, and he falls in love with the most consummate of celebrity starlets, Jennifer (**Andrea Runge**). How can Alceste reconcile his almost pathological need for sincerity in a world where flattery is cheap, honesty is taboo and gossip is the daily bread? In his adaptation of Molière's classic, Crimp has fashioned an incisive and contemporary piece, chocked full of those characteristic flashes of recognition – of ourselves and others – that make for funny and biting social satire.

A stellar cast of nine has been assembled for The Misanthrope. Seven of these actors are returning to the Tarragon stage: **Patrick Galligan** (*Courageous*), **Michelle Giroux** (*The Oxford Roof Climbers' Rebellion*), **Stuart Hughes** (*The Baltimore Waltz*), **Brandon**

McGibbon (*Courageous*), **Maria Ricossa** (*Bea's Niece*), **Julian Richings** (*Molière*), and **David Storch** (*White Biting Dog*) alongside **Stephen Gartner** and **Andrea Runge**, who make their Tarragon debuts. Tarragon Artistic Director **Richard Rose** directs **The Misanthrope**. The creative team for **The Misanthrope** includes set and costume designer **Charlotte Dean**, lighting designer **Andrea Lundy**, sound design by **Mike Ross**, and stage manager **Marinda de Beer**.

The Misanthrope previews in Tarragon's Mainspace on Wednesday, December 29, opens Wednesday, January 5 and runs until Sunday, February 6, 2011.

Previews: Dec. 29 – Jan. 4, 2010

Regular run: Tuesday through Saturday at 8 pm
Saturday & Sunday matinee at 2:30 pm

Prices start at \$23; seniors' and students' prices are available. Friday night and Sunday matinee rush are \$10.

Tickets for **The Misanthrope** are available online: tickets.tarragontheatre.com.

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