


**LA TROUPE DU JOUR**  
CELEBRATES **40 YEARS** OF THEATRE

**La Troupe du Jour celebrates four decades of professional French-language theatre in Saskatchewan**

Since 1985, it has been the province's only professional Francophone theatre company. It creates, produces and promotes French-language theatre while supporting artists, emerging talent and the community.


Join us as we look back on some of the highlights from the past 40 years.

**1969** Founding of *Unithéâtre* at the University of Saskatchewan by Ian C. Nelson




**1985** Founding of La Troupe du Jour by Alphonse Gaudet, Carmen Gareau and Michel Quirion

**1986** First performance: *Azarie* (collective); Debut of the iconic logo featuring the two masks



**1988** *Manon Lastcall* by Jean Barbeau wins first prize in the Provincial One-Act Play Competition

**1989** The arrival of Denis Rouleau, who led the company's artistic direction for three decades, leaving profound impact



**1990** Presentation of *Balconville* by David Fennario, directed by Laurier Gareau

**1995** Presentation of *La Trahison* by Laurier Gareau, directed by Denis Rouleau

**1997** Founding of *Cercle des écrivains*; Participation in the first *Festival de la dramaturgie fransaskoise*

**2024** The Ian C. Nelson (LTDJ) Fund is established in his honor with the Fondation fransaskoise in January - Ian sadly passed away on February 1<sup>st</sup>

**2023** Frank Engel and Bruce McKay each receive a SATA

**2021** Creation of the Bourse Denis Rouleau

**2020** The Company responds to the pandemic with a live production *La vie après le hockey* by Kenneth Brown (translated by Michel Garneau); Martine Noël-Maw's *Will et Ernest* receives three SATA

**2014** *La Chambre blanche* by Ian C. Nelson receives a SATA

**2011** Denis Rouleau receives the Marcus-National Bank Award; Madeleine Blais-Dahlem is nominated for the 2011 Woman of Distinction Award; *La Maculée/sTain* by Madeleine Blais-Dahlem receives a SATA; David Granger receives the RBC Award of Excellence



**2010** La Troupe acquires its own production centre; Denis Rouleau receives the *Lys d'Art*; Raoul Granger receives a SATA; Launch of the current logo



**2009** Premiere of *Rearview* by Gilles Poulin-Denis, presented on a cross-Canada tour and nominated for a Governor General's Literary Award

**2007** Launch of the surtitles



**2005** La Troupe receives the *Prix Hommage aux arts et industries culturelles* (FCCF)

**2003** First theatre company inducted into the Margaret Woodward Theatre Hall of Fame

**40<sup>th</sup> SEASON** 2025 ELLE RACONTE, NOUS RÉSONNONS 2026 SHE NARRATES WE RESONATE

**SEPTEMBER 2025** Launch of the 40<sup>th</sup> season of La Troupe du Jour, under the theme *She Narrates, We Resonate!*

**DECEMBER 2025** Announcement of significant funding from Canada Economic Development for the Prairies to expand the reach of La Troupe du Jour

**MARCH 2026** Madeleine Blais-Dahlem receives the *Prix du Centre des écritures dramatiques – Wallonie-Bruxelles* and Jesse Fulcher Gagnon receives the *Prix Roland Mahé*, both presented by the *Fondation de l'ATFC*

**MAY 30 2026** 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration; Unveiling of La Troupe's new logo

**FOR 40 YEARS, LA TROUPE DU JOUR HAS BROUGHT THE FRENCH LANGUAGE TO LIFE ON STAGE AND THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY**

*The story continues!*

**CELEBRATING 40 YEARS OF THEATRE**

Join us on May 30 at 6 PM at Studio 914 to celebrate 40 years of Francophone theatre during a special 80s-themed evening hosted by Pascale Bouchard and Manuela Ejake from Radio-Canada.



**FEATURING REVEALS INCLUDING THE NEW LOGO, READINGS, SNACKS, DANCING AND SURPRISES!**



By attending the celebration or contributing to the **40K for 40 years** campaign, you are helping secure the future of Saskatchewan's only professional Francophone theatre company and its artists.

<p><b>Buy a Ticket</b> Call 306-244-1040 Monday to Friday from 10 AM to 4:30 PM or visit <a href="http://latroupedujour.ca/40-years">latroupedujour.ca/40-years</a></p>	<p><b>Make a Donation</b> Return the enclosed form to La Troupe du Jour or visit <a href="http://latroupedujour.ca/donations">latroupedujour.ca/donations</a></p>
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