

La Sagouine Opens Jan. 31

Theatre Prince Edward Island's first production of 1996, *La Sagouine* by renowned Acadian author Antonine Maillet, will be performed in English at the Carrefour Theatre, Charlottetown, Wednesday January 31 through Sunday February 4:00 at 8:00 pm, with a 2:00 pm matinee also on Sunday.

Antonine Maillet's masterpiece has been acclaimed in Canada, the USA and Europe, in both French and English versions. Mme. Maillet has been recognized internationally with many awards, including the Governor General's Award and France's coveted Prix Goncourt. The play features the unforgettable Sagouine as she confronts the shortcomings of those who people her world. Her expose is earthy, irreverent, funny and wise.

La Sagouine will star Viola Leger, the original creator of the role. Mme. Leger, one of the great names in French Canadian theatre, has performed the role well over one thousand times. She is an Officer of the Order of Canada,

and was recently awarded New Brunswick's Prix d'Excellence, among many other honours.

Theatre PEI's production of *La Sagouine* marks a professional reunion for Viola Leger and artistic director Ron Irving. Mr. Irving directed the premiere production of the play's English language version in 1979 in Montreal. He later mounted productions for Toronto, Winnipeg and Boston. Writing on the success of the English version of the play, a Montreal *Gazette* reviewer stated: "The important (and amazing) thing is that, beyond a doubt, *La Sagouine* can reach an anglophone audience as easily as she reached francophones. . . The character has survived the metamorphosis with her soul intact."

Tickets for *La Sagouine* are available at Tweel's Gift Shop and the UPEI Bookstore, or at the door. Prices are \$14 adults, \$11 senior citizens, and \$8 students. For more information, phone Theatre PEI at 566-0321.

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The Official Top 25
January 19, 1996

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| 1 | Trike | Trike |
| 2 | Various Artists | Eat This |
| 3 | Ashley MacIsaac | Hi (TMI). How are you today? |
| 4 | Grace Babies | Lure |
| 5 | Radioblaster | Sugar Shock |
| 6 | The Monoxide | Out of the Marsh |
| 7 | Pure | Extra-Purestrial |
| 8 | Oasis | (What's the Story) Morning Glory |
| 9 | Rusty | Fluke |
| 10 | Ash | Trailer |
| 11 | The Offspring | The Offspring |
| 12 | Mystery Machine | 10 Speed |
| 13 | Rainbow Butt Monkeys | Letters from Chutney |
| 14 | Coyote | Coyote EP |
| 15 | Various Artists | Seven Soundtrack |
| 16 | The Rentals | Friends of P |
| 17 | Lankmar | Lankmar |
| 18 | Atomic Folk | Begin |
| 19 | Jale | Closed EP |
| 20 | Mighty Fisherman | Super-rock |
| 21 | Pursuit of Happiness | Where's the Bone? |
| 22 | Everclear | Sparkle & Fade |
| 23 | Junkhouse | Birthday Boy |
| 24 | Moxy Fruvous | Wood |
| 25 | Various Artists | Northern Xposure |

Book Review

Perfume Bottles (Perfume Migron)

Carla Bordignon

(Cronicle Books)

Perfumes Bottles is part of the Bella Cosa collection which means in Italian, "Beautiful things". Its aim appears to be to celebrate the beauty in the objects around us. Most of the book contains pictures of perfume bottles. Some look ordinary, some incredibly beautiful, and some just neat. There is also a history of perfume and perfume bottle bottles which is very interesting. This is a book people will always pick up off the coffee table, but I can't really imagine paying money for it.

-- Colleen Easter

