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LETTER FROM THE AMBASSADOR

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Le Mariage de Marie à Gusse à Baptisse

On 8, 9 and 10 April, the theatre company " Les treize " from the Laval-university presented the comedy *Le Mariage de Marie à Gusse à Baptisse* in Quebec and again, on April 16, in Sainte-Marie-de-Beauce. This play is a Québec variation on Belgian's most performed comedy, *The marriage of Miss Beulemans*.

The relationship between French and Quebec people is the background to this piece. The playwright Jean Pierre Coljon was indeed inspired by his own experience as a Belgian immigrant to Quebec, often considered to be French. Jean Pierre Coljon was born in Arlon in Belgium and has been working in Quebec for the last 25 years. He is a true polyglot and globetrotter and has worked as consultant in development cooperation and university professor. For the past 15 years, he has worked as international affairs advisor for the Quebec government.

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