

## Theatre Festival of the Americas

The Theatre Festival of the Americas, one of Montreal's major cultural events, is based on developing cultural exchanges between North, Central and South America. The 1985 Festival (the first) was held from May 22 to June 4 and included 24 shows from Argentina, Brazil, Cuba, Venezuela, Mexico, the United States, France, and Canada, as well as two Inuit and Native Indian shows. Among the plays presented were three world premieres. In addition, two international meetings were held: "1985: The Next Stage," a conference of theatre women from across the American continent; and the International Colloquium of Theatre Critics. Total attendance for the Festival topped 20,000.

The second Festival will be held in Montreal from May 26 to June 7, 1987 under the direction of Marie-Hélène Falcon and Jacques Vézina. Twenty-five shows will be presented; festival directors are presently touring North, South and Central America in search of works which possess quality, artistic invention, innovation and relevance for today's audiences. It is hoped that ticket sales will reach 40,000. A series of international meetings will again be organized. For further information, contact:

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