

The Blue Dragon

by Robert Lepage, Marie Michaud
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In this stunning graphic-novel adaptation of Robert Lepage and Marie Michaud's play of the same name, the personal meets the political, East meets West, and old meets new. Claire, a Québécoise art dealer, arrives in China to adopt a little girl. There she visits her ex-husband, Pierre, who after fifteen years in China has begun to question the new directions his adopted country is going in. Claire and Pierre's lover, the young Chinese artist Xiao Ling, become fast friends. Through this classic love triangle, *The Blue Dragon* examines aging, cultural confusion, fertility, and creativity, and emerges as a fascinating examination of some of modern China's most intriguing paradoxes.

Fred Jourdain's gorgeous, colourful, and cinematic drawings do full justice to the story's genesis as one of Robert Lepage's most dazzling theatrical constructions. A feast for the mind as well as the senses, *The Blue Dragon* is an extraordinary graphic novel for grownups.

Mirvish Productions will present a special two-month run of *The Blue Dragon*, the show on which this book is based, in Toronto in January-February 2012.

Director, writer, actor **Robert Lepage** is one of Canada's most renowned figures in performing arts. His astonishing oeuvre includes epic plays (*The Dragons' Trilogy*, *Needles and Opium*), award-winning films (*Le Confessionnal*, *Far Side of the Moon*), and even rock shows. A Quebec native, Lepage has been awarded many prestigious awards and honours, including the Officers of the Ordre national du Quebec, the Denise Pelletier Prize, the Prix Europe, France's Légion d'honneur, and the Governor General's Performing Arts Award for Lifetime Artistic Achievement. He continues to push artistic boundaries, earning his reputation as this country's leading creative genius.

Marie Michaud is a prominent Quebecois theatre actress. She has performed over fifty roles with top directors, including Robert Lepage and Denis Marleau (*Roberto Zucco* and *The Old Masters*). She is currently starring in the role of Claire Forest in the theatrical version of *The Blue Dragon*, which she co-wrote with Robert Lepage.

Fred Jourdain is a designer, best known for his portraits of great jazz, rock, and film figures. His work is currently on display in the Riff exhibit at the Museum of Civilization in Ottawa.

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