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## THE VOICE OF QUEBEC'S SOUL HONOURED BY BLUE MET

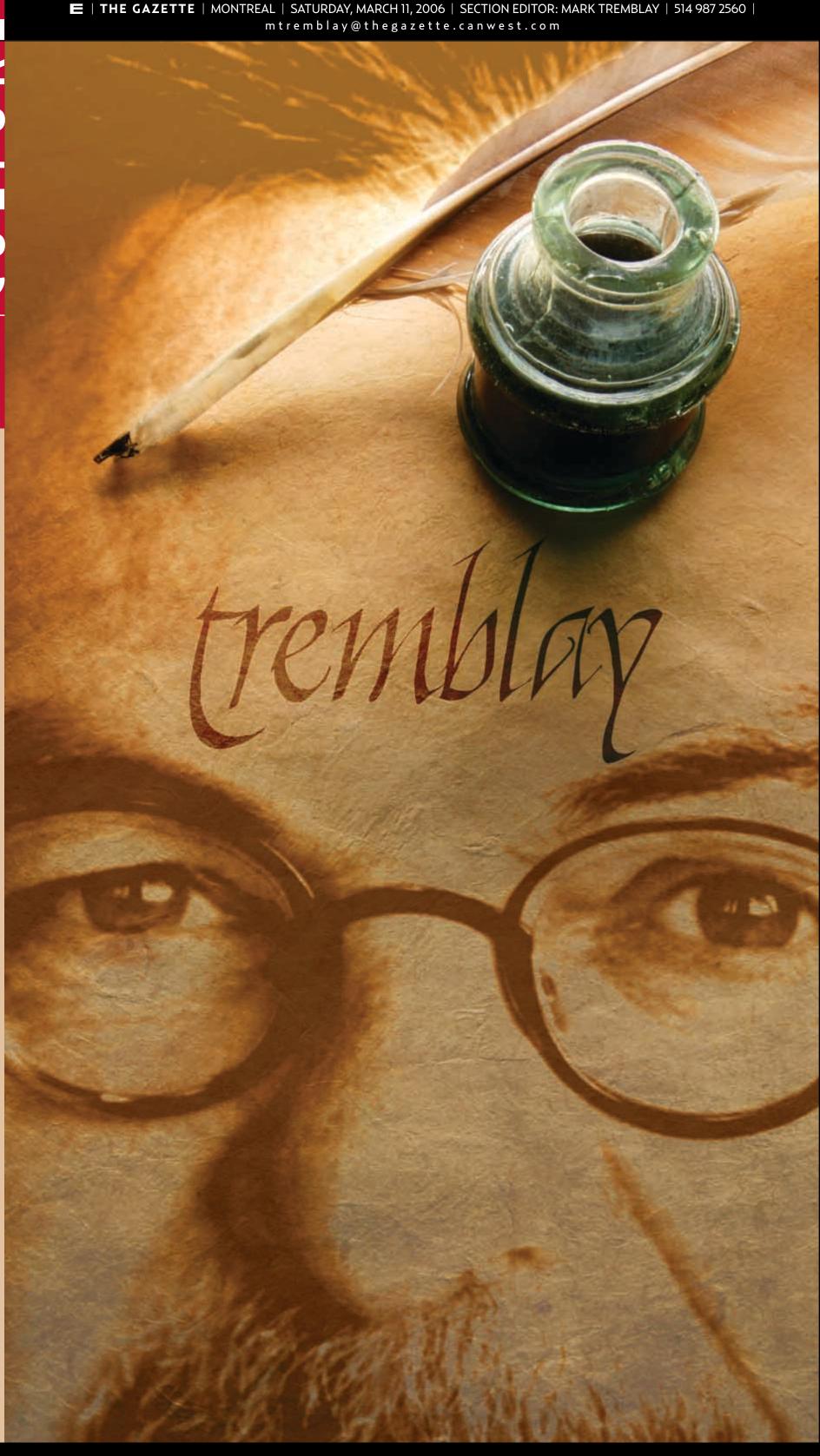
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ichel Tremblay won't say what trade secrets, if any, he might share on April 5 with an audience of more than 200 authors. Not that he'll be stuck for words when he says his thank yous after accepting the Blue Metropolis Literary Grand Prix 2006 at a curtain raiser for the 8th edition of Montreal's annual world-lit rally.

"I don't know yet (what I will say). I have two on-stage interviews, one in French, one in English in two days," Tremblay said during a recent interview at his agent's Sherbrooke St. office. ("Back in 1971, the late John Goodwin was the first literary agent in Quebec and I was his first client.")

Laughing, Tremblay says of addressing the bookish crowd at the Blue Met festival, "Yes, I do know what I'm going to tell them – But I won't tell you."

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