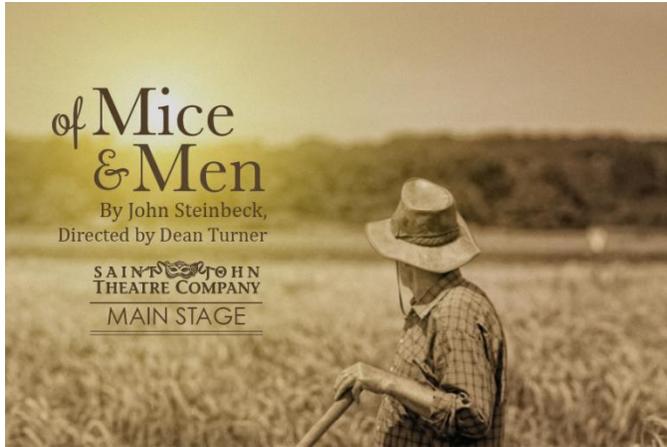


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## A Classic Comes Alive

SJTC Focuses on Student Outreach Touring *Of Mice and Men*



SAINT JOHN – After two years of successful education outreach touring, the Saint John Theatre Company (SJTC) is planning to offer another, curriculum relevant program to schools in Southern NB during the months of March & April 2017. The company is pleased to be touring its Main Stage production of the John Steinbeck classic novel, *Of Mice and Men*.

As part of the tour, performances will be offered in Sussex, Saint John, St Stephen and Fredericton. A public evening performance as well as daytime student performances will be offered in each location. Student outreach is the focus as the company continues its 'SJTC Theatre On the Road' (SJTC TOR) initiative which is designed to offer

engaging theatrical experiences to NB students at no charge to schools. The company will be reaching out to area High Schools to extend an invitation to the show.

The play was chosen as part of the company's 'TD Classics for the Classroom' program which aspires to bring literature to life for the youth in our region by selecting curriculum relevant works that are read in the classroom and then presented on stage. "*Classics for the Classroom*" has been a vital part of SJTC programming for many years, and we value the opportunity that TD is giving us to share the program with even more students," adds Stephen Tobias, Artistic Director, SJTC. "*In bringing these works to life for our student audiences, we are supporting the work of educators throughout our region, we are helping to enhance literacy skills and fostering a love of literature in our youth, we are helping to develop the next generation of theatre-makers and theatre attendees.*"

*Of Mice and Men* touring dates and locations:

Sussex Regional High School – public performance March 16 at 7:30pm – tickets available at Stuart's Gifts or by visiting [www.ticketpro.ca](http://www.ticketpro.ca) or calling 1-888-311-9090. Student performances March 16 & 17 at 10am.

Imperial Theatre – public performances March 22-25 – for tickets call Imperial Theatre box office at 506-674-4100 or visit: [www.imperialtheatre.nb.ca](http://www.imperialtheatre.nb.ca). Student performances March 21 & 22 at 10am.

St Stephen High School – public performance March 29 – tickets available at Morris Music or by visiting [www.ticketpro.ca](http://www.ticketpro.ca) or calling 1-888-311-9090. Student performances March 29 & 30 at 9:20am.

The Fredericton Playhouse – public performance April 3 – for tickets call Playhouse box office at 506-458-8344 or visit: [www.theplayhouse.ca](http://www.theplayhouse.ca). Student performance April 3 at 10am.

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