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Stranger Than Fiction Crime Drama

Cocaine Plane Coming to BMO Studio Theatre April 8th



SAINT JOHN - It's 1989 in Fredericton, and the sky is full of salsa music and failing engines. *Cocaine Plane*, an original Canadian play written by local playwright Emily Bossé is coming to the BMO Studio Theatre on April 8th as a staged reading.

The SJTC is partnering with Fredericton based Next Folding Theatre Company to present a staged reading of the piece. The play is based on one of the most incredible stranger-than-fiction crime dramas ever to unfold on Canadian soil.

On April 3rd, 1989 New Brunswick police seized 1100 pounds of cocaine with a street value of \$25 million dollars, and two Columbian pilots were arrested after their twin engine Commander 1000 plane crash-landed near an airstrip in Fredericton, New Brunswick. The men pleaded guilty to possession with the intent of trafficking charges and were sentenced to 22 years in prison.

Author Emily Bossé is a recent graduate of the MA in Creative Writing Program at UNB. She is the three time recipient of the David Adams Richards prize for prose. Her story *Last Animal Standing on Gentleman's Farm* appeared in the 2014 spring edition of *The Fiddlehead*, and she was *The Fiddlehead's* nominee for the 2015 Journey Prize.

Cocaine Plane will be read at the BMO Studio Theatre on Friday April 8th at 7:30pm. Tickets are \$12 each. To order tickets visit www.ticketpro.ca or call 1-888-311-9090.

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