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### **A Who Dunit Spy-Thriller based on a Hitchcock Mystery**

*The 39 Steps offers audiences an award-winning, action packed, fast-paced farce*

SAINT JOHN – What do you get when you mix a 1930s spy-thriller with a bit of comedy throughout? *The 39 Steps*. Saint John Theatre Company is proud to present *The 39 Steps* this March at Imperial Theatre as part of the 2011-2012 Main Stage line-up.

Director Robert Moore, an English Professor at the University of New Brunswick, made his directional debut with SJTC with the fall 2010 production of *The Importance of Being Earnest* will now tackle this fast-paced award winning production. *“I’ve met a lot of terrific, dedicated, and talented people and, to be perfectly frank, working with SJTC has restored my faith in the role live theatre still has to “play” in contemporary culture,”* notes Robert Moore.



The story is based on the 1915 novel by former Canadian Governor-General John Buchan and the subsequent Alfred Hitchcock film released in 1935. The 2005 adaptation by Patrick Barlow’s has quickly grown into one of Broadway’s most popular and longest running hits in recent years. The show is a fast-paced, on the run, farce. It follows the story of an innocent man on the run fleeing from a murder he did not commit, assisting a female counterespionage agent and finding himself in one extraordinary comical situation after another.

*“I am certain this production will bring laughter, lots of laughter and a renewed sense of the joys of theatre,”* adds Moore. *“I love how closely this comedy approximates the original film noir. It demonstrates how thin the line between comedy and tragedy actually is.”*

Saint John Theatre Company is proud to partner with Theatre New Brunswick. Elements from the set used during TNB’s October production of *The 39 Steps* will be re-used during the SJTC run in March. The two companies have agreed to promote one another’s productions hoping audience members can enjoy two perspectives of the same hit. TNB subscribers will be offered a \$5.00 discount off any single ticket price. The same discount was offered to SJTC subscribers during TNB’S fall run of the production.

*The 39 Steps* is one of 4 productions in the 2011-2012 SJTC Main Stage Season and will play at Imperial Theatre March 22-24, 2012. Tickets are available at Imperial Theatre box office by calling 674-4100.

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