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# Witness For The Prosecution

*A Legal Fundraiser In Support of SJTC Education Outreach Initiatives*

SAINT JOHN – Rehearsals are well underway for the spring fundraiser with a legal twist that promises not only to entertain but also raise funds for SJTC outreach activities for youth. On April 20<sup>th</sup> the Imperial Theatre stage will be filled with many of the City's top legal professionals. Fifteen local lawyers will be participating in a thrilling courtroom drama titled *Witness for the Prosecution* by Agatha Christie.

Coined the most celebrated courtroom drama, *Witness for the Prosecution* is jam-packed with surprise and suspense. *"The opportunity to do a classic courtroom drama with people who really understand being in a court room is very exciting, it's going to be a great evening,"* adds Dean Turner, Director.

Cast includes local lawyers Bruce Grant, Caterina Corazza, Cathy Fawcett, Chelsea Seale, David Shore, Jack Blackier, Jasmine Buchanan, Jill Knee, Joan Collins, Jon O'Kane, Julien Ouimet, Kelly Van Buskirk, Larry Crandall, Sarah Fitzpatrick, and Mike Blackier.

The SJTC and the Saint John legal community have partnered in the past to raise funds for various education initiatives, *Witness for the Prosecution* will be the third of this type. *"The Saint John legal community has been a strong supporter of the SJTC over the years,"* notes Dean Turner.

The SJTC engages in regular education outreach programming in Saint John region schools. Here are a few of last season's student outreach initiatives:

- As part of the new SJTC Theatre on the Road touring program, the SJTC shared a heartfelt story about the plight of Jewish refugees during the Holocaust with over 4,000 students province-wide at no charge to schools.
- Engaged hundreds of youth in the jazz age classic *The Great Gatsby* as part of its 'Classics for the Classroom' program.
- Provided deeply discounted tickets, pre-show information sessions and post show discussions on all Main Stage productions to students throughout Southern NB.
- Next the SJTC is preparing to tour an innovative new play about cyber-bullying and its long-standing effects to high schools throughout the Province. Study collateral, teaching aids and post show discussions related to cyber-bullying will also be offered at no charge.

*Witness for the Prosecution* will be staged for one night only at Imperial Theatre on Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm. Single tickets are \$45. A VIP pass to the event is \$100. Call Imperial Theatre box office at 506-674-4100.

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