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Trudeau Stories: An Engaging memoir about a surprising friendship

Saint John Theatre Company presents Brooke Johnson's critically acclaimed solo show February 14-16

SAINT JOHN - **Gemini award winner Brooke Johnson** brings her remarkable true story of a surprising friendship with Pierre Elliott Trudeau to the BMO Rehearsal Hall at 112 Princess St February 14th – 16th at 7:30pm. **Trudeau Stories** has been touching and thrilling audiences and critics across the country from St. John's to Whitehorse, including performances at The Magnetic North Theatre Festival. This presentation is part of a fourth national tour for author and artist Brooke Johnson.



In 1985, while she was a student at the National Theatre School in Montreal, Brooke Johnson became friends with Pierre Elliott Trudeau. It had been a year and a half since he'd stepped down as Prime Minister, and now he was walking to work, putting cereal bowls on cartoon placemats, making peanut-butter on toast, and, sometimes, he was hanging around with Brooke, sliding down ice-covered staircases on Mount Royal.

Through reminiscences, journal entries and correspondence, Brooke gives us a personal insight into the man and the times that is **"not to be missed"** (*National Post*). At once vital and charming; poignant and very funny, **Trudeau Stories** is about friendship and loss... and about who the heck we think we are.

Trudeau Stories is part of the Saint John Theatre Company's Presentation Series in which critically acclaimed guest artists are invited to perform for Saint John audiences.

Funding from BMO Financial Group and the Province of New Brunswick have made this successful series possible for the last two seasons.

Tickets can be purchased by calling 652-7582 or visiting: www.ticketpro.ca.

"As the houselights come up, we are wakened like from a dream." – Aisle Say

"Beautifully written, poignant...and very funny." - Lynne Slotkin, CBC Radio

"Like turning the pages of a live snapshot album... a maximum of craft but a minimum of artifice....It's delightful." – *National Post*

"Johnson is a magician of sorts, for she manages to conjure Pierre Elliott Trudeau out of thin air." - Kate Watson, *The Coast, Halifax*

"Trudeau Stories succeeds in the way that all theatre yearns to succeed, by bringing a character to life onstage, his joie de vivre, his passion for life...an engaging encounter with two memorable personalities, not to be missed." - Marianne Ackermann, *Rover Arts, Montreal*



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