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Casting call for local youth for a modern day version of *Romeo & Juliet*!

Auditions for the Shakespearean tragedy being hosted by Saint John Theatre Company this month.

SAINT JOHN - One of Shakespeare's best loved and most passionate plays is coming to the Imperial Theatre stage this May (May 17-19). Saint John Theatre Company is proud to present a modern day, high energy version of the classic *Romeo & Juliet*. *Romeo & Juliet* is the tragic story of two star-crossed



lovers who defy tradition and pursue their passion for each other in spite of the civil war between their families.

Auditions for this production will be held at 112 Princess Street later this month. On Friday February 24th at 4pm there will be a youth based audition for youth 16 and over interested in coming out. Also on Saturday February 25th an open audition (all ages) will be held at 1pm followed by two additional audition dates on Saturday March 3rd and Sunday

March 4th (all ages) both starting at 1pm. No preparations are required to audition, however participants should be familiar with the story.

"The production will be a youthful and highly physical account that will be marked by intense fight choreography, modern design concepts, and a driving musical score," notes Stephen Tobias, Director. *"We are hoping to get a large turnout of local High School and University students during the audition process. We have so many gifted youth in the area and this production will be the perfect showcase for such talent."*

The youthful focus of this production extends far beyond the casting. Student study guides will be created and offered to local schools as a teaching aid leading up to the May production. School visits in which cast and crew discuss the development of the production and perform a few quick scenes, will be offered to local area High Schools in early May. As well a special student discount performance will also be offered to students and accompanying teachers and parents on Wednesday May 16th.

Additional details about the production are available at: <http://saintjohntheatrecompany.com/auditions>

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