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A Special Anniversary Partnership Mends Music & Theatre

Tom Stoppard's Political Satire *Every Good Boy Deserves Favour* To Tour Province

SAINT JOHN – In celebration of two special anniversary seasons, the Saint John Theatre Company (SJTC) and the New Brunswick Youth Orchestra (NBYO) will partner in a world-class and truly special co-production of the Tom Stoppard classic political satire, *Every Good Boy Deserves Favour*.

Building on the success of the *Marco Polo: The Musical* (2010) project, the SJTC and the NBYO



Marco Polo: The Musical (Oct 2010)

intend to produce a fully professional production featuring a compliment of professional musicians and actors drawn from the ranks of New Brunswick resident performing arts professionals. The project will engage 6 New Brunswick resident professional actors chosen from a series of auditions to be held in late November in Saint John, Fredericton and Moncton and 31 professional musicians as well as a conductor. The musicians will be selected from the newest professional music ensemble Tutta Musica.

Tutta Musica consists of the teaching artists of the Sistema NB youth outreach program of the NBYO.

Every Good Boy Deserves Favour is an amazing political comedy by Tom Stoppard. Soviet dissident Alexander Ivanov has been imprisoned in a mental hospital until he admits that the statements he has made against the government were caused by a mental disorder. He shares a cell with a schizophrenic triangle player, also called Ivanov, who believes he is in command of a symphony.

This black comedy, which was first produced as part of Queen Elizabeth's Silver Jubilee with music by the London Symphony Orchestra, is now coming to stages across New Brunswick. This rarely produced work will be presented by the Saint John Theatre Company and Tutta Musica at Imperial Theatre in Saint John, the Capitol Theatre in Moncton, and the Playhouse in Fredericton. The play will feature New Brunswick actors and musicians combined to create a truly unique and entertaining evening of theatre and music.

Every Good Boy Deserves Favour will run at Imperial Theatre (Saint John) March 18-21, Capitol Theatre (Moncton) March 31, and The Playhouse Theatre (Fredericton) April 1. Audition dates and locations will be announced soon.

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