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## Enhanced Professional Line-Up & New Music Series Compliment SJTC Season

SJTC Expands 2015-2016 Season @ BMO Studio Theatre

SAINT JOHN – Big plans are underway for the SJTC's 26<sup>th</sup> Season. Continued growth is on the horizon once again for the 2015-2016 SJTC Season. In addition to its Main Stage line-up at the Imperial Theatre and Studio Series in the BMO Studio Theatre, the SJTC has strived to develop a series of theatre works that treat audiences to some plays that are being performed throughout the country. The Canadian Stages professional series was launched in 2012 as a way to bring high quality touring works to Saint John. *"We felt our BMO Studio Theatre was an ideal spot to showcase many of these unique pieces which require a more up close and personal atmosphere,"* adds Stephen Tobias, Executive Director, SJTC.

The Canadian Stages professional series welcomes touring works from NB and beyond. The line-up this year has grown, offering seven top notch plays. The professional series will open with ***Hamlet (The notes)*** – written by Dan Jemmet and John Fitzgerald Jay (Sept 25-26) which tells a fractured yet playful version of Shakespeare's great play.

***Watching Glory Die*** – by Mulgrave Road Theatre (Nov 17-18) is a powerful piece inspired by the true story of NB teen Ashley Smith. The ever popular Lucien will be part of the series with ***Lucien's Labour Lost*** featuring Marshall Button (Nov 20-21). ***Twisted Christmas*** will ring in the holiday season with its hilarious holiday themed comedy by the Improvisation Corporation (Nov 27 & Dec 18).

***All the Rage*** – by Moncton based Red Necklace Productions (Feb 5-6) is an absurd comedy about two singles living their lives through electronic devices. In April Off The Leash will perform the intense ***Belle of Amherst*** – created by William Luce (April 15-16) giving audiences a glimpse into the life of poet Emily Dickinson. ***Lac / Athabasca*** – by Theatre Free Radical (May 27-28) will conclude the Canadian Stages Series by taking us on a cross Canada journey of rivers, railways and the lives lived and lost in between.



In the true spirit of growth the SJTC is proud to announce a new addition to the BMO Studio line-up, a new music series titled **Live @ The BMO Studio** which will feature seven popular music artists. The 2015-2016 line-up includes: **Ben Caplan, Alfie Zappacosta, Matt Minglewood**, a special **Sinatra 100<sup>th</sup> Jazz Event** featuring Stephen Tobias and The Richard Kidd Combo, **Brent Mason** with Jessica Rhaye and Mike Biggar, **Tomato Tomato** and **Mike Cowie**.

*"We have hosted many live music events in the last few years as one-off events. The artists and the audiences have enthusiastically praised the BMO Studio as an amazing listening room unlike any other venue in Saint John. Inspired by the success of these events, we have developed this wonderful line-up of live music to supplement our programming. Our entire*

*SJTC team feels that this will continue to grow the reputation of the BMO Studio as a premiere venue in our community for intimate cultural experiences,"* adds Stephen Tobias.

The SJTC would like to thank our Season Patron BMO Financial Group for their generous support of the BMO Studio Series. Tickets for BMO Studio shows will go on sale June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 and can be purchased online at [www.ticketpro.ca](http://www.ticketpro.ca) or by phone 1-888-311-9090.

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