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Maritime Playwrights Celebrated In An Evening of Original One-Act Plays



SAINT JOHN – The culmination of a nine month script development process will be presented at the BMO Studio Theatre January 20-23, 2016.

Script Happens, a development wing of the Saint John Theatre Company, is designed to provide an avenue to foster the growth of emerging playwrights, directors and actors. This year 3 one act scripts were chosen to enter the final phase of the program which involved mentoring and training in the craft of playwriting from professional dramaturge Ryan Griffith, Co-Artistic Director of Fredericton's The Next Folding Theatre Company and noted playwright.

"By assisting its community of emerging and established playwrights in such a manner, the SJTC is planting the seeds of a future filled with authentic, original local works that will capture the hearts and minds of the audiences that go see them," Ryan Griffith, 2015 Script Happens Dramaturge.

This year's winning scripts are: **Orchids** by Gretchen Kelbaugh - *an intimate historical look at one woman's decision to join the Suffragettes' struggle for women's rights,* **Knock** by Jeff Lloyd - *the journey of twin sisters over time as both cope with the same family issues in their own unique ways, and* **Elsewhere** by Keith Hazzard - *an intricate introspective web of power, emotions and guilt as two men meet looking for answers from the other, but find out mostly about themselves.*

Special thanks to BMO Financial Group, Canadian Heritage, and the Province of New Brunswick for their continued support of Script Happens.

Script Happens will run at the BMO Studio Theatre, 112 Princess Street from January 20-23. Each performance will include all three one act plays. Tickets are \$17.50 adult / \$12.50 student (Wednesday Preview night tickets are \$10). To purchase please call 1-888-311-9090 or visit www.ticketpro.ca

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