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Frost / Nixon, Beyond the Interview

Interviewer David Frost uses television to show defeat in a more powerful way than any courtroom ever could...

“400 million people were waiting for the truth.”

Saint John Theatre Company Presents an intriguing look at the events leading up to and including the famous 1977 interviews between television personality David Frost & former President Richard Nixon. Television was used as the medium to provide Nixon with the trial he never received and a nation with the confession it longed for.

Richard Nixon, the disgraced president with a legacy to save, and David Frost, a jet-setting television personality with a name to make, go head-to-head in the historic encounter that changed both their lives. Three years after being forced from office, the steely former commander-in-chief agrees to sit for one all-inclusive interview, and both sides square off in a battle to uncover the truth behind one of the most infamous presidencies of all time.

“Saint John Theatre Company has developed a tradition of introducing hot new exciting scripts to Saint John audiences. *Frost / Nixon* will be another in a long line of NB premieres that have included *Tuesdays With Morrie* and *Proof*,” says Stephen Tobias, Director of the Play.

“*Frost / Nixon* provides a fascinating look at what was going on behind the scenes of the very famous *Frost / Nixon* interviews and an even more glimpse into the life of a man who might have been one of the greatest of U.S. presidents but for a flaw in his character that may forever deny him that honour in his nation's history”, comments Bob Doherty who plays Richard Nixon.

The production presents an engaging look at a pivotal moment in history. “Because of the focus on the making of the interviews, ones knowledge of the actual Nixon ‘history’ is not at all necessary to understanding and being entertained by the story. The characters of *Frost and Nixon* are finely drawn and audiences respond very well to them”, adds Tobias. “While the subject matter is political in nature, the play is also quite funny and engaging. I had originally thought it would be a two person show, but was pleasantly surprised to find that the play is populated with a number of interesting characters who were involved in the behind-the-scenes intrigue leading up to the filming of the interviews.”

Frost / Nixon will play from March 18 to 20th at Imperial Theatre. Tickets are available at Imperial Theatre box office: 674-4100 or 1-800-323-7469.

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