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# Award Winning Director Ron Jenkins To Head Up May Production of *The Great Gatsby*

Edmonton-based director shares expertise with local performers and production crew

SAINT JOHN – Preparations are underway for the May production of *The Great Gatsby*, the final SJTC production of the 2014-2015 Main Stage season. Edmonton based director Ron Jenkins has arrived in the port city to direct the glamorous Jazz age production scheduled to run at Imperial Theatre May 20-23. Jenkins, a ten time Sterling Award winner and winner of the 2004 Syncrude Award for Artistic Innovation, will be working with the company as part of the Saint John Theatre Company's Guest Artist Program.



**Ron Jenkins**

Launched in 1995, the Saint John Theatre Company Guest Artist Program was designed to bring professional actors, directors and designers to Saint John to work closely with local performers and production crews for the purpose of training and exposure to new ideas, practices, and approaches to theatre. *"Each time the company has engaged a guest artist we have seen a significant step forward in the caliber of work offered by the SJTC,"* adds SJTC Artistic Director, Stephen Tobias. *"The Guest Artist program injects professional best practices into the performers, production crew and the company as a whole by active engagement throughout the entire production process from the first reading to the opening performance."*



**Gatsby Cast & Crew at first read through**

A cast of 25 local performers have been chosen for the May production and have begun their hands on mentorship this past weekend as they gathered to meet their fellow cast members and participate in a first read through of the script. *The Great Gatsby* cast is made up of: Scott Thomas, Christina Isbill, Neil Bonner, Tyler MacLennan, Pippa Wennberg, Adam Masson, Sarah Rankin, Lindsay Bell, Matt Hamilton Snow, Tina

Ouellete, Erik Fournier, Vince Gregg, Nick Labbe, Dean Turner, Heidi Patullo, Jon O'Kane, Kathryn Ann Keery, Batu Gezer, Becca Hastings, JQ Smith, Catherine Sutherland, Laura Rensch, Victor Szymanski, James Lamey, and Cristina Silva.

*The Great Gatsby* will be staged at Imperial Theatre May 20-23, 2015. Tickets: call 1-800-323-7469, or online at [www.imperialtheatre.nb.ca](http://www.imperialtheatre.nb.ca).

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