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Loyalist City Shakespeare Presents *Much Ado About Nothing*

Saint John Theatre Company's 30th season kicks off with a summer production of Shakespeare's most clever comedy.

SAINT JOHN – The cast has been selected and preparations are underway for the July production of *Much Ado About Nothing* (July 16-20). The production will be presented by SJTC and Loyalist City Shakespeare. *Much Ado About Nothing* will be the fifth summer presentation by the group of local Shakespeare lovers.

"Much Ado About Nothing is one of Shakespeare's liveliest comedies, full of playful wit and physical humour. The play might be more than 400 years old, but the range of human desire, vulnerability, cheekiness, and celebration shown will sit perfectly with our summer Shakespeare audiences," adds Sandra Bell, Director.

The cast has held an initial read-through of the script with rehearsals scheduled to begin later this month. *"I've never heard so much laughter at a first read-through! The cast got immediately into the playful mood of the script, and I could tell they were enjoying their characters and seeing the physical potential of many of the scenes. We're heading into rehearsals at the end of May, and I'm looking forward to working with this great cast and crew."* – Sandra Bell, Director.

Much Ado About Nothing will run at BMO Studio Theatre, 112 Princess Street, from July 16-20. Tickets are \$17.50 and \$12.50 for students.

Tickets go on sale May 15 and can be purchased by visiting www.ticketpro.ca or by calling 1-888-311-9090.

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Loyalist City Shakespeare formed six years ago to add more Shakespeare to the local theatre scene. Generally the group will produce one play each year and host the occasional Shakespeare related event. To learn more check them out on Facebook: www.facebook.com/LoyalistCityShakespeare