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### Award winning **RED** to hit Imperial stage this week!

*Saint John Theatre Company & Theatre New Brunswick perform award winning drama in two cities.*

SAINT JOHN – After an intense two week rehearsal period, cast and crew are putting the final touches on the collaborative professional production of **RED**. **RED** will mark the first co-production between the Saint John Theatre Company and Fredericton based Theatre New Brunswick. *“Adding to the richness of the project was the opportunity to forge a creative partnership on a work that revolves around the idea of the creative process, the interplay between artists and the very nature of art,”* adds **RED** Director and TNB Artistic Director Caleb Marshall.



**RED**, an amazing new Tony Award winning play, has been among the most produced plays in North America these past few seasons; exploring a period in the life of modern abstract expressionist artist, Mark Rothko. *“I first read this script two years ago and I have been wanting to share this story with our audience ever since. Also, as an actor, this is one of the best roles that I have had the opportunity to perform,”* notes Stephen Tobias, SJTC Artistic Director who plays the lead role of Mark Rothko in the production.

John Logan’s play, **RED**, explores an intense period in Rothko’s life. The play takes place in the late 1950s, a time when Mark Rothko was commissioned to paint a series of murals for the Four Seasons Restaurant in the Seagram Building in New York. After working on the murals for two years, Rothko refused to deliver them and returned the money. While many have speculated as to why, no definitive explanation exists.

*“**RED** is a play for people who love theatre – it has thrilled audiences wherever it plays. **RED** is a play for people who have an interest in the visual arts. **RED** is a play for people who love a good story about real people and events,”* adds Tobias.

**RED** will be staged at Imperial Theatre March 20-22 and at the Fredericton Playhouse March 26-29. For tickets please call Imperial box office 1-800-323-SHOW (7469). Support for this exciting project has been generously provided by the Province of New Brunswick and the **RED** production partner Stewart McKelvey.

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