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Maritime Scripts Transformed From Page to Stage

Audiences will be treated to local plays performed by local talent during Script Happens 2013

SAINT JOHN – **Script Happens** is a collection of three original one-act plays that have been work-shopped and perfected for audiences to enjoy June 6-8 at the BMO Rehearsal Hall at 112 Princess Street. Each performance will include the three one-act creations that were chosen after a Maritime wide script search. The winning selections were chosen from a pool of over twenty submissions from this year's amateur playwriting competition.



Each play and playwright selected this year received mentoring and training in the craft of playwriting from a professional dramaturge. *"I learned so much about my scripts; the weak points and the strong points, and the advice from the dramaturge, Ryan Griffith was awesome,"* adds Billy Curtis, Playwright (*The Sweetheart Deal*, *Wishbone*). *"I take away a renewed confidence in my skills as a writer, and will put the knowledge I gained to good use."*

Script Happens is organized by the Act One Committee, a development wing of the Saint John Theatre Company, and is designed to provide an avenue to foster growth of emerging playwrights, directors and actors. *"Script Happens provides a wonderful venue for Maritime playwrights to have their one act plays work-shopped and then showcased,"* adds Bet O'Toole, Co-Chair for Script Happens. *"There is a lot of talent in our region and this gives our Saint John audience a rewarding opportunity to see it performed by our local actors. I hope people will recognise how important their support is to the growth of New Brunswick theatre, and come out to see these diverse, intriguing plays."*

This year's selections provide a well-rounded mix of comedy and drama that challenge audiences to explore the intense relationships presented in these edgy works. *Wishbone*, written by Billy Curtis and directed by Gilbert Boyce, is the story of sisters April and Melissa who are left with the daunting task of cleaning out their mothers apartment, just days after her sudden passing. An accidental slip of the tongue unlocks a family secret that has driven a wedge between the sisters for more than a decade.

The Sweetheart Deal, written by Billy Curtis and directed by Pippa Mugglestone, is a warm comedy that explores relationships in a lighthearted manner underscored by the genuine affection between three best friends. *Dead in Wawa* written by Griffin McInnes and directed by Doug Filmore is an edgy exploration of the interaction between two friends who have just killed someone. Set in a graveyard, the story gets complicated by the arrival of a distraught student who threatens these small town crooks' plans and self perceptions.

Funding for **Script Happens** 2013 is provided by the Province of New Brunswick.

Script Happens will run June 6, 7, & 8 –at 112 Princess St – 7:30pm. Tickets \$10 each and are available at the door or by calling 652-7582.

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