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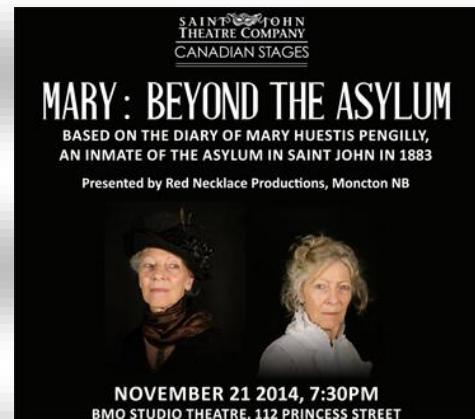
# Canadian Stages Series Crafts Local Connection

*Two Saint John Based Stories Coming to BMO Studio Theatre November 21 & 22*

SAINT JOHN – The Canadian Stages Professional presentation series will be bringing two touring works that have a Saint John feel to The BMO Studio Theatre November 21 & 22.

The first is a special play presented by Moncton based Red Necklace Productions. *Mary: Beyond the Asylum*, written by Normand Robichaud, will make its debut in Saint John the very city where Mary Huestis Pengilly wrote her diary back in 1883. Mary, an inmate in the Provincial Lunatic Asylum in Saint John, kept a diary of the conditions and treatment during her stay. The show reflects upon the history of treatment in the mental health systems and the current state of treatment.

*“Once again SJTC has been instrumental for the growth of Moncton’s Red Necklace Productions - by creating performance opportunities like the Fundy Fringe, and the Canadian Stages Series, we’re able to expand our scope. It is with great appreciation that we perform in the BMO Studio Theatre again.”- Alicia Potter, Director.*



*Somme Letters Home* is a play drawn directly from a young soldier’s correspondence with his mother, brothers and sister in Saint John, while serving with the 49<sup>th</sup> Western Battalion in the trenches of Flanders. The play is based on the letters home from John Bapst Cronin, adapted by Caleb Marshall, and produced by Fredericton based Theatre New Brunswick.

The Canadian Stages Series, a division of the Saint John Theatre Company, offers local audiences professional works from New Brunswick and beyond. The series is funded by the Province of New Brunswick, the City of Saint John, Canadian Heritage, the Canada Council for the Arts and BMO Financial Group.

Both shows are one night only and will take place at the BMO Studio Theatre at 112 Princess Street. *Mary: Beyond the Asylum* will run November 21 and *Somme Letters Home* will run November 22<sup>nd</sup>. Tickets are \$22.50 for adults and \$17.50 for students. Call 1-888-311-9090 or visit [ticketpro.ca](http://ticketpro.ca) for tickets.

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