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Aspiring & Seasoned Writers Wanted!

Playwriting Workshops at the BMO Studio Theatre – May 7

SAINT JOHN – The Saint John Theatre Company is proud to welcome back noted playwright Ryan Griffith to the BMO Studio Theatre this weekend to host two playwriting workshops. Ryan Griffith is the Artistic Director of The Next Folding Theatre Company. Griffith has worked with the SJTC in the past, guiding aspiring playwrights in the transformation of their works from page to stage.

The workshops are being offered as part of the Script Happens program, a development wing of the Saint John Theatre Company which is designed to provide an avenue to foster the growth of emerging playwrights, and actors.

The sessions have been designed for the established playwright or the beginner who wants to learn steps to becoming a playwright. *“By assisting its community of emerging and established playwrights in such a manner, the SJTC is planting the seeds of a future filled with authentic, original local works that will capture the hearts and minds of the audiences that go see them,”* Ryan Griffith.

Session 1: 10-12pm – “Plot, Story and Structure: How to Grow an Avocado Plant”

This session will look at story basics and terminology and define act and scene structures to help strengthen the playwright’s technical knowledge.

Session 2: 2-4pm - "Character Development: How to Build New Friends"

In this workshop the playwright will learn how to conduct ethnographic research on imaginary people.

Everyone is welcome and the sessions are free of charge. Special thanks to BMO Financial Group, Canadian Heritage, and the Province of New Brunswick for their continued support of local playwrights and the Script Happens development program.

Don’t miss this exciting chance to stretch your imagination and hone your skills with fellow writers! For more info email Bet O’Toole: betotoole@rogers.com.