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Presentation Series Brings Out Of Town Talent to Saint John Audiences

SAINT JOHN – Saint John Theatre Company is proud to introduce a long-awaited Presentation Series in which guest artists are invited to perform their shows that have gained acclaim abroad. This much awaited extension of the company's annual line-up will begin this April.

The Presentation Series will include three productions that will run for three shows each here at BMO Rehearsal Hall in the company's home on 112 Princess Street. Guest artist Nina Arsenault will be returning to Saint John to perform her latest production titled *Queer Art Diva* which will be the first of three productions in the series on April 19-21. Nina is a Canadian transsexual columnist, freelance writer, actress and sex-trade worker. She was in Saint John in August of 2008 when her one-woman show *The Silicone Diaries* christened the SJTC's new production space on Princess Street.

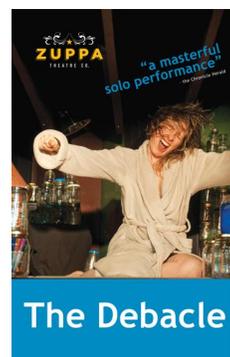


Queer Art Diva, is a three piece show which recaps Nina's real life greatest moments. The three distinct sections include: *I Was Barbie*, a real life story of a silicone transsexual representing Mattel's beloved plastic doll at her official 50th birthday party and the opening night of L'Oreal Fashion Week, *Me N Tommy Lee* which tells Nina's 2005 "Crying Game-style collision" with former Motley Crew drummer and reality TV star Tommy Lee, followed by a slide retrospective of Nina's trans formative images which shows Nina in various states of physical and spiritual transformation titled *Transformative Slide Show*. "These are fun glamorous true stories with some celebrity gossip and lots of comedy," adds Arsenault. "Queer Art Diva will be lots of entertainment, laughs and maybe even some sparkly spiritual moments if you're looking deep enough. I want to have a great time telling some of my favourite stories!"



The second production in the Presentation Series line-up which will run from May 31-June 2 is *Fishing*, an Off The Leash Theatre production, by Nova Scotia based Jeremy Webb. *Fishing* is a play about the bizarre world of internet dating. The story follows the life of Paul Fisher, a 40-something divorced man who dives into the pool of internet dating and lines up seven dates with seven woman. "I would love people to have a great time watching *Fishing*, but I hope that they also get the point of the play. Finding love online is virtually impossible. You have to meet the people you are sifting through. That's where it all gets dangerous," notes Webb.

The final Presentation Series production for the season will be *The Debacle*. *The Debacle* is a highly theatrical portrait of a woman facing the inevitable reality of being alone. The show premiered in Halifax in the spring of 2011 and has since run at Nightwood Theatre's New Groundswell Festival in Toronto. *The Debacle* will run from June 14-16. "Audiences will enjoy the inventive staging,



personal storytelling with hilarity and sadness interspersed throughout, and the ride down memory lane...” adds Ann-Marie Ingrid co-writer and performer of *The Debacle*.

The Presentation Series is just one of many performances offered throughout the year by the Saint John Theatre Company. Saint John Theatre Company was established over 20 years ago and has grown into a premier provider of English-language theatre in New Brunswick. The company strives to produce quality live entertainment and training for audiences and theatre practitioners throughout southern New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Maine.

Presentation Series shows will all be held at 112 Princess St at 7:30pm. For more information on ticket prices and to purchase tickets please call 652-7582 or visit www.ticketpro.ca.

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