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SJTC Bids Fond Farewell to Former Leader & Welcomes New President

SAINT JOHN – A new President of the SJTC Board of Directors was elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Saint John Theatre Company, held on Wednesday, December 6 at the company home at 112 Princess Street.



Former President Dean Turner, who has served in this role since January 2011, has stepped down but will remain part of the company's Board of Directors. Turner has been an integral part of the company for close to a decade. His passion for the arts and love of the company has been reflected in his leadership and in every project he has been a part of. In addition to his role as President, Turner has been instrumental in company fundraisers and has been seen on stage as an actor and behind the scenes as a director of several SJTC productions including: *Of Mice and Men*, *Every Good Boy Deserves Favour*, *God of Carnage*, *Lost*, *Death and the Maiden*, *Copenhagen*, *Witness for the Prosecution* and *The Glass Menagerie*.

"Over the past 7 years, it has been my pleasure to be involved with the huge growth both in the number and quality of the productions offered by SJTC. The BMO Studio Theatre has become a major venue for great theatre, dance and music giving us 2 great venues along with the Imperial Theatre. It has been particularly exciting to be directly involved with our touring program with shows presented in a variety of venues around New Brunswick and of course our tour to Germany", adds Dean Turner. *"The future holds great opportunities for SJTC to grow and I look forward to continuing to be part of that growth, both on and off stage".*

Stepping up to the role is former Vice President of the Board, George Daniel. Daniel has been an energetic and forward-thinking member of the Board since January of 2012. His enthusiasm for the success and growth of the company has been a strong asset to the SJTC over the past six years.



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Having been involved as a board member of a significant theatre company in his native Calgary for several years, Daniel was thrilled to discover the dynamic and energetic little theatre company with big visions for the future. In addition to his passion for theatre, George is a high level endurance athlete, competing in many running and triathlon events throughout North America while spending his days educating and advising families about personal financial plans and strategies.

"I continue to be amazed and impressed with the high quality of theatre that SJTC produces every year. The selection of works, the quality of talent, the attention to detail, and the creativity of the production, would rival any performance offered in a much larger cultural centre!," notes George Daniel. *"It is with excited anticipation, and sincere gratitude for the efforts of employees, the volunteers, the theatre practitioners both on and off stage, the previous directing boards, the many loyal patrons and subscribers, and our committed sponsors, that I step into the role of President of the Board at this time. I look forward to working with all of our stakeholders to continue our relentless pursuit of providing outstanding and enriching theatre both locally and internationally."*

The SJTC is also pleased to welcome four new members to the Board: Marketing Specialist Emily Teed, Lawyer and dedicated SJTC volunteer Jon O'Kane, Communications and Community Manager Kate Shannon, and Operational Excellence Specialist and Consultant Nicole Paquet.

Board member Dr. Sandra Bell will be transitioning into the role of Vice President. Members Scott Brittain and Dr. Michael Howlett will be stepping down from the Board. The SJTC would like to thank former President Dean Turner, and former members: Scott Brittain and Dr. Michael Howlett for their valuable contribution to the SJTC.