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Maritime Talent Wanted

Atlantic Canadian Writers Encouraged to Enter 13th Annual Play Writing & Development Contest



SAINT JOHN – Playwrights across the Maritimes are being encouraged to put pen to paper (or fingers to keyboard) and get their one act scripts ready for the 13th annual Script Happens playwriting contest.

Script Happens, a development wing of the Saint John Theatre Company, is designed to provide an avenue to foster the growth of emerging playwrights, directors and actors. This year 3-5 one act scripts will be chosen to enter the second phase of the program which involves mentoring and training in the craft of playwriting from a professional dramaturge. Last year's script development workshop was led by renowned New York based screenwriter, playwright and actor Stephen Massicotte.

Massicotte, a leading Canadian Playwright whose play, *Mary's Wedding*, was one of the most produced Canadian works in North America, led a three day workshop sharing his expertise and his all around know-how to last year's finalists. *"The workshop organized by SJTC was invaluable to my development as a writer. I can't think of any other way for writers from this region to get that level of professional insight and critique on their work without spending a lot of money and travelling outside of the region."* – Dan Culberson, playwright, Script Happens 2015



The Script Happens process will culminate with a presentation of the top three scripts in a Script Happens showcase which will be performed January 21-23, 2016 at the BMO Studio Theatre in Saint John, NB. **The deadline for submission is May 31st, 2015.**

Submission criteria and additional details are posted on the SJTC website, please visit: www.saintjohntheatrecompany.com.

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