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Saint John Theatre Company Announces 2016-2017 Season

*A Feel Good Christmas Classic / A Literary Masterpiece / A Laugh-A-Minute Comedy
and so much more...*

SAINT JOHN – Mark your calendars and save the date! You won't want to miss a single SJTC show next season! SJTC Artistic Director Stephen Tobias and SJTC Board President Dean Turner announced the exciting Main Stage and Studio line-up for the 2016-2017 season today at Imperial Theatre.

The SJTC 27th Main Stage & Studio Season is a brilliant blend of family, funny and thought-provoking pieces that will warm the heart, stir the soul and tickle a funny bone or two! The season opens with the universal classic **The Diary of Anne Frank** which will run over a two week period boasting 12 performances this Fall (Oct 11-15 & 18-22). *"Our BMO Studio Theatre will be transformed into an intimate attic space allowing the audience to experience a piece of history on a life-like level,"* adds Stephen Tobias, Artistic Director.

Miracle on 34th Street will ring in the holiday season (November 23-27)! A heart-warming premier adaptation written by SJTC veteran Bob Doherty will open the SJTC Main Stage Season. In March one of the most widely read and beloved stories of all time, the timeless and touching **Of Mice & Men** will take the Imperial Stage (March 22-25). Audiences will be roaring in the isles at the Main Stage closer, **Boeing Boeing** a laugh a minute comedy packed full of non-stop hijinks, near misses and sexual innuendo (May 24-27).

Back at the BMO, the in house and up close Studio Series will continue on with the award winning **East of Berlin** a play that questions morality and challenges compliance. The play is a passionate chronicle of the tragic life of a Nazi war criminal's son (April 5-8).

Our annual Maritime playwriting development program **Script Happens** will be back again with its showcase of polished scripts June 14-17. This popular program begins with a regional script writing competition and works to transform selected works from the page to a stage worthy play through workshops and professional guidance from a dramaturge. *"By assisting its community of emerging and established playwrights, 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, 2015 Script Happens Dramaturge.

Main Stage Series subscriptions go on sale May 18th at Imperial Theatre box office 1-800-323-7469. Tickets for our Studio Series productions will go on sale on June 1st and can be purchased by visiting www.ticketpro.ca or calling 1-888-311-9090.

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