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# Maritime Playwrights Celebrated!

*Script Happens* Showcases Original One-Act Plays  
June 14-17 at the BMO Studio Theatre

SAINT JOHN – After nine months of collecting, selecting, critiquing and re-working, the winning scripts from the 2017 *Script Happens* playwriting competition are polished and ready to be showcased in an evening of one-act plays!

*Script Happens*, a development program of the Saint John Theatre Company, is designed to provide an avenue to foster the growth of emerging Maritime playwrights, directors as well as actors. Three finalists were chosen following a call for submissions. Over the past year, the winning playwrights have worked with dramaturge Stephen Massicotte to perfect their creations. The winning scripts underwent a meticulous development process resulting in an original, home-grown, stage worthy creation.

*“To have gone through this with a dramaturge and other playwrights has been invaluable, but to then have your play chosen to be performed is a playwright’s dream,”* adds Bet O’Toole, winning playwright. *“Script Happens has been essential in developing and supporting Maritime playwrights for many years, and I for one am very grateful for the opportunities it has provided.”*

This year’s winning scripts are:

*The Appearance of Truth*, written and directed by Bet O’Toole. Inspired by a true story, this topical drama explores how social media powerfully impacts two lives.

*Faking It*, written and directed by James McClure. A witty comedy, this play takes an edgy look at social conventions and personal relationships.

*Wndrln*, written by Alison House and directed by Matt Hamilton-Snow. A light-hearted comedy, this whimsical play is filled with quirky characters who are both endearing and thought provoking.

Special thanks to BMO Financial Group, Canadian Heritage, and the Province of New Brunswick for their continued support of *Script Happens*.

*Script Happens* will run at the BMO Studio Theatre, 112 Princess Street June 14-17.

Each performance will include all three one act plays. Tickets are \$17.50 adult / \$12.50 student.

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