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Cast Selected for Upcoming Musical Thriller *Sweeney Todd*

Saint John Theatre Company selects highly musical cast from large pool of strong local talent

SAINT JOHN – After a well attended audition period, Saint John Theatre Company Director Stephen Tobias has selected the full cast for their upcoming production of the hit musical *Sweeney Todd*. *“I’m really excited at the turn-out for these auditions. It is one of the most competitive set of auditions for a musical that I can recall,”* add Tobias. *“The issue wasn’t in actually casting the show but in making the decisions about which of the many talented people would be most appropriate for the extremely challenging roles in the story.”*



The *Sweeney Todd* cast is made up of: Bertis Sutton as Sweeney Todd, Theresa Patterson as Mrs Lovett (as pictured on left), Amber Arsenault as the Beggar Woman, Blaine LeRoy as Beadle, Jillian Bonner as Johanna, Josh Brittain as Anthony, Matt Letson as the Judge, Chad Humphries as Pirelli, and Lukas Shannon as Tobias. The highly talented chorus includes: Kendra Murray, Pippa Wennberg, Rachel Taylor, Jane Howlette, Rachael Grant, Kayleigh Beckett, Sarah Rankin, John Martin, Michael Howlett, Jeremy Myrsrall, Adam Masson, Barry Galloway and Scott Green. A third of the cast are new to the Saint John Theatre Company. *“The talent and the skills that they bring will really enhance*

the project and give us some exciting prospects as we look to planning our next season of work,” adds Tobias.

The Tony Award winning musical hit the stage in 1979 and has been luring audiences out of their comfort zone ever since. Set in Victorian England, *Sweeney Todd* is the infamous tale of an unjustly exiled barber who returns to 19th Century London seeking revenge. He teams up with a pie maker, Mrs. Lovett, and opens a barbershop in which he slits the throats of customers and has them baked into pies! *“Sweeney Todd is an amazing musical that has thrilled audiences world-wide. I’m pleased that we have been able to field a cast with the level of talent and expertise to bring that script to life in the exciting and thrilling manner that the story deserves,”* adds Tobias.

Cast is preparing for an intensive rehearsal period from late January until March. *Sweeney Todd* will be performed at Imperial Theatre the week of March 21-23rd, 2013.

Sweeney Todd is the second offering in the SJTC Main-Stage Series followed by a multi-media stage adaptation of George Orwell’s *1984*. There are still \$50.00 two-show passes available for *Sweeney Todd* and *1984*. For more information or to purchase tickets please call Imperial Theatre box office at 1-800-323-7469.

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