

Local Lovers of Shakespeare Tackle *The Tempest*

Loyalist City Shakespeare Launches SJTC 29th Season with a Summer Shakespeare Selection



SAINT JOHN – Rehearsals are underway for the July production of *The Tempest* (July 18-21). The production will be presented by SJTC and Loyalist City Shakespeare, a group of local lovers of everything Shakespeare, who will be returning to the BMO Studio Theatre for their fourth summer production. The summer timeframe has proven successful for the group, seeing attendance numbers rise over the years with their appeal to both seasoned and novice theatre-goers alike.

“The scripts are edited so the material is more accessible to young, modern audiences,” adds Director Matt Hamilton Snow. *“My goal is to make the show enjoyable to people who hate Shakespeare. I feel that analyzing and dissecting Shakespeare's work in school tends to turn students away from wanting to see a Shakespearean play in their adult life. The words were always meant to be spoken out loud, heard and felt, so we try to bring this story to the stage in a way that everyone can enjoy!”*

The Tempest tells a tale of revenge, redemption and forgiveness. The story begins in the midst of a storm as a ship containing the king of Naples and his party struggles to stay afloat. On land, Prospero and his daughter, Miranda, watch the storm envelop the ship. Prospero has created the storm with magic, and he explains that his enemies are on board the ship.

The Tempest will run at BMO Studio Theatre located at 112 Princess Street from July 18-21. Tickets are \$17.50 and \$12.50 for students. Tickets go on sale May 25 and can be purchased by visiting www.ticketpro.ca or by calling 1-888-311-9090.

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Loyalist City Shakespeare formed four years ago to add more Shakespeare to the local theatre scene. Generally the group will produce one play each year and host the occasional Shakespeare related event. To learn more check them out on Facebook:

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