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A Tribute To New Brunswick War Brides

A WWII Story of Love & Friendship That Spans The Atlantic



FREDERICTON – The SJTC Studio Series will launch its season with a touching story of love in the NB play *The War Bride*. *The War Bride*, written by NB native Erin Keating and directed by Andrea Arbour, will run in Saint John from October 14-17 with a bonus performance at The Fredericton Playhouse on October 21 and a special student matinee earlier the same day.

A project launch was held on Monday at The Fredericton Playhouse announcing the Fredericton performances. Funding from the Wartime Commemoration Fund has allowed the SJTC to bring this play to Fredericton for one evening performance and offer a special student performance at 10am.

“Four years ago I heard a story on CBC about the final dinner of a group of New Brunswick War brides. They had been meeting annually ever since WW2 and this was to be their last dinner together due to increasing age of the participants. This inspired me to reach out to New Brunswick playwright Erin Keating to ask if she might be interested in creating a story based on that,” adds Stephen Tobias, Artistic Director, SJTC. *“We now are extremely pleased to present the*

premier of that story based on the lives of NB war brides.”

The War Bride is set in WWII and follows the story of Adele as she meets and develops relationships with Canadian (RCAF) friends, Norman and Roger. *The War Bride* spans the Atlantic, taking the audience on a journey from London to Dorset to New Brunswick. The story is based in part on Melynda Jarrat's book, *Captured Hearts*.

“Erin's script brings the New Brunswick War Bride story to life in a way that I could never have imagined when I started writing about these wonderful women nearly 30 years ago. Too often, women's war time role gets lost in the shadows of great men and battles,” adds Melynda Jarrat. *“Having met and written about the War Brides whose stories are the basis of this theatre production, and knowing that many of them are now gone, it gives me comfort in knowing that their place in history will never be forgotten.”*

Funding for the project has been generously provided by the Wartime Commemoration Fund of the Department of Canadian Heritage, the Province of New Brunswick and BMO Financial Group.

Tickets are on sale now for both locations:

The War Bride will run in Saint John at the BMO Studio Theatre October 14-17 (7:30pm). Ticket info: Wed Preview Night: \$10 / Thur-Sat: Adult \$20, Student \$15. For tickets call 1-888-311-9090 or visit

www.ticketpro.ca.

The War Bride will run in Fredericton at The Fredericton Playhouse October 21 (7:30pm). Ticket info: Adult \$20, Student \$10. For tickets please call 1-866-884-5800 or visit www.theplayhouse.ca. Student matinee (2pm) tickets are \$5 and are available by calling 506-652-7582.

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