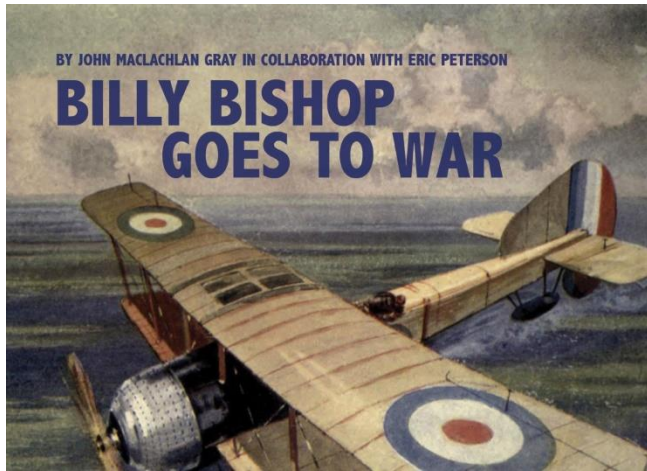


# A touring tribute to a Canadian war hero

Award winning play *Billy Bishop Goes to War* tours NB marking Centenary of WWI



NEW BRUNSWICK – Live Bait Theatre and Saint John Theatre Company are proud to join forces to present the award-winning story of Canadian WWI flying ace Billy Bishop.

A special commemorative NB tour will begin in Fredericton (Oct 11), making its way to six cities across the Province including: Sackville (Oct 17&18), Moncton (Oct 24), Saint John (Oct 26 &27), St Andrews (Nov 14) and Sussex (Nov 16).

The two-person play dramatizes the life of Canadian World War I fighter pilot Billy Bishop. Written and composed by John MacLachlan Gray in collaboration with Eric Peterson in 1978, *Billy Bishop Goes to War* has grown to become one of the most-widely produced plays in Canadian theatre.

The role of Billy Bishop will be played by actor and award-winning playwright Ron Kelly Spurles. *“I’ve always loved how well the play tells the story of this young man as he faces the realities of war, and how well it balances the camaraderie and the sense of duty and adventure, with the horror and the futility of it all”,* adds Ron Kelly Spurles. *“It’s just a wonderful script really - so well written, with a gripping story told by a very believable character, and with great music. Also it’s a fantastic challenge as an actor to play all of the characters, and I think audiences will really enjoy taking that journey with me.”*

Funding for *Billy Bishop Goes to War* has been provided by TD, the Province of NB, and BMO Financial. Support has been provided by Anglophone South School District.

**Tickets are \$22.50, \$15 for students. Show begins at 7:30pm in all locations.**

*Billy Bishop Goes to War* tour dates and locations:

**Oct 11** | STU Black Box Theatre, 51 Dineen Dr., Fredericton

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**Oct 17 & 18** | Royal Canadian Legion, Sackville, 15 Lorne St, Sackville

**Oct 24** | Théâtre l'Escaouette, 170 Botsford Street, Moncton \*

**Oct 26 & 27** | BMO Studio Theatre, 112 Princess St, Saint John

**Nov 14** | W.C. O'Neill Arena Complex, 24 Reed St, Saint Andrews

**Nov 16** | Sussex Regional High School, 55 Leonard Dr., Sussex

**To purchase please visit [www.ticketpro.ca](http://www.ticketpro.ca) or call 1-888-311-9090**

\*Note: tickets for the Moncton performance are available through the théâtre l'Escaouette box office at <http://escaouette.com/upcoming-events/> or by calling (506) 855-0001 – ext.207. All other locations are on sale through ticketpro.ca.