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## **Powerfully Dark Tale Performed at Vancouver Fringe Visits Saint John** *SJTC Winding up its popular Presentation Series for the season with Utopia*



SAINT JOHN - Theatre Free Radical will perform its highly acclaimed production of **Utopia** by Len Falkenstein on April 11-13 as the final production in the Saint John Theatre Company's Presentation Series for the season. The play will be performed at SJTC's BMO Rehearsal Hall (112 Princess Street) at 7:30pm on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evening.

**Utopia** debuted at the Vancouver Fringe Festival in September, 2012 and has recently been selected as part of the Summer Works Theatre Festival in Toronto this August; one of the most prestigious juried festivals of new theatre in Canada .

The Saint John run will feature a newly revised script performed by the original cast of Rebekah Chasse, Sam Kamras, Jake Martin and Michael Holmes-Lauder, with original music by Eric Hill.

**Utopia** is the story of a down on her luck Maritime Christmas tree farmer who has an Eden-like, resource-rich planet appear in her backyard one night, and the pressures and ethical dilemmas she and her family face as they try to decide what best to do with it. More than that, it is also an emotionally powerful dark fairy tale/allegory about the joys, perils and responsibilities of parenthood.

If you are a fan of thought-provoking, complexly layered and plotted multi-character dramas with a hint of mystery and the surreal at their core, you will love **Utopia**. Performed by Fredericton based Theatre Free Radical at the Vancouver 2012 Fringe Festival.

The Presentation Series was initiated to offer Saint John audiences more variety, a different atmosphere and an edgy perspective on live theatre. *"One of the reasons for the existence of the Professional Presentation Series is to create an opportunity for our volunteers – those who are the most interested in theatre production – to see other styles of theatre,"* notes Stephen Tobias, SJTC Artistic Director.



**Utopia** tickets are on sale now by calling 652-7582 or visit: [www.ticketpro.ca](http://www.ticketpro.ca)

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