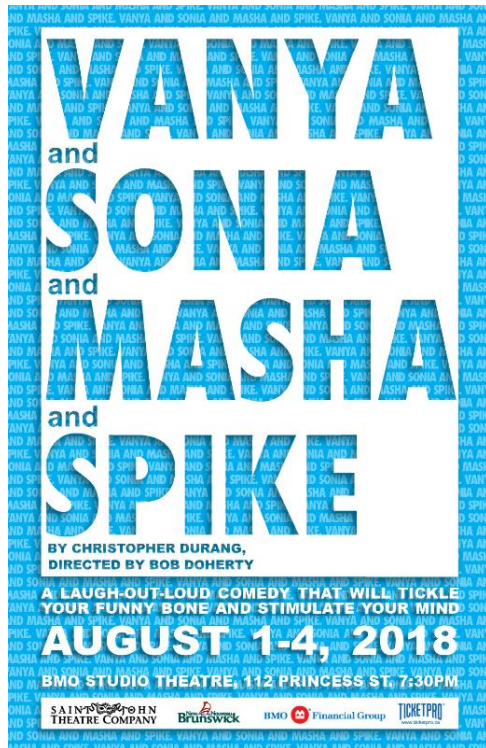


# A laugh out loud comedy

Award-winning play *Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike* launches SJTC Studio Series.



SAINT JOHN – The 2018-2019 Studio Series opens with the laugh out loud award winning comedy *Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike* which will run August 1-4 at the BMO Studio Theatre, located at 112 Princess St.

Winner of the 2013 Tony Award for Best Play, the comedy follows the relationship of three middle-aged siblings, Vanya and Sonia who reside in the old family home and their movie star sister Masha who supports them. The story revolves around a comedic cluster of lost dreams, missed opportunities, old resentments, one-upmanship, and exposed nerves.

Written by Christopher Durang, an American playwright known for works of outrageous comedy, the play uses humour as a means of dealing with more serious issues.

*“In this play Durang is dealing with those times in all our lives when we take stock of how our lives are going,*

*where we are and where we want to be,”* adds Director Bob Doherty. *“To answer these questions Durang believes that we need to know who we really are and what we truly need in life to fulfill us. These are serious themes but Durang candy-coats the pill with a wonderful layer of humour.”*

Tickets are \$19.50, \$14 for students. Visit [www.ticketpro.ca](http://www.ticketpro.ca) or call 1-888-311-9090 to order.

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