



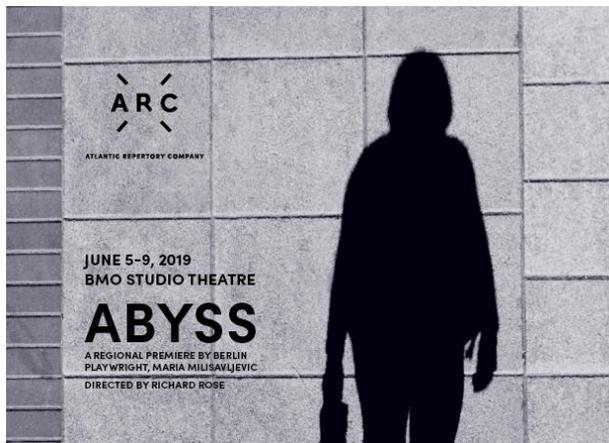
A Regional Premier of *Abyss*

An award winning thriller and modern day epic cloaked in the mystery of Europe's underworld

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SAINT JOHN – The first year of the Atlantic Repertory Company (ARC) is wrapping up with the powerful award winning play *Abyss*. *Abyss*, which had its Canadian premiere at Tarragon Theatre, tells the captivating story of a missing young woman and her three friends who search for her. As the story slowly unravels, it becomes clear that all three friends have been harbouring secrets as they realize how

brittle the life they had built is. A search for their lost friend also becomes a search for the self.



This poetic thriller, written by Berlin playwright Maria Milisavljevic, premiered (as *Brandung*) at the Deutsches Theater Berlin, winning the prestigious 2013 Kleist Promotional Award for Young Dramatists. The play will be directed by renowned Canadian director Richard Rose and features a trio of young talent from the region. Cast members include: Caroline Bell (Saint John, NB), Mandy E. MacLean (Oromocto, NB) and Owen VanHouten (St John's, NFLD).

Abyss will run from June 5-9, 2019 at the BMO Studio Theatre, 112 Princess St at 7:30pm. Tickets are: \$32.50, \$20 student. To order tickets please visit: www.ticketpro.ca or call 1-888-311-9090.

ARC, a professional theatre residency program recently launched by the Saint John Theatre Company (SJTC), is currently in the first phase of a three-year pilot project. The program is designed to provide working opportunities for young theatre professionals with ties to Atlantic Canada.

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