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# Maritime Playwrights Celebrated

Script Happens showcase of local unproduced scripts up next  
in the BMO Studio Theatre



SAINT JOHN – SJTC’s Maritime playwriting and script development competition, Script Happens, has returned for its 17<sup>th</sup> year this season. The process began last August with a call for submissions of one act original scripts from local playwrights. Scripts were received from all over the Maritimes. Four were selected to attend a weekend long workshop where playwrights met with a dramaturge to critique and re-work the pieces.

The Artistic Director of the Playwrights Atlantic Resource Centre (PARC), Pamela Halstead was the dramaturge for Script Happens 2019. From this process two finalists were chosen for the Script Happens showcase.

The final selections for Script Happens 2019 are *Leading Ladies* written by Sandra Bell and *Zeus in a Zoot Suit* written by Sue Rose. *Leading Ladies* tells the story of two fellow actresses who humorously lament the dearth of older female roles in Shakespeare’s plays. *Zeus in a Zoot Suit* is a warm, thoughtful journey of self-discovery about a woman in a hospital waiting room with several others as she worries that her father might have had a heart attack.

Script Happens will run from June 19-22 at the BMO Studio Theatre, 112 Princess Street at 7:30pm. Tickets are \$17.50 and \$12.50 for students. For tickets please visit: [www.ticketpro.ca](http://www.ticketpro.ca) or call 1-888-311-9090.

Script Happens, a development wing of the Saint John Theatre Company, is designed to provide an avenue to foster the growth of emerging Maritime playwrights, directors as well as actors. Local unproduced scripts undergo a meticulous development process resulting in original, home-grown, stage worthy creations.

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