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A Season To Celebrate

Saint John Theatre Company Hosts AGM for 2018-2019 Season

SAINT JOHN – On Wednesday, December 4, 2019, staff, board and community members gathered for the Saint John Theatre Company's (SJTC) Annual General Meeting which included an overview of the 2018-2019 Season, a review of the financial status of the company, as well as a look into the future of the organization.

The President of the SJTC Board of Directors, George Daniel, presented a re-cap of the company's activities for the past Season while Treasurer Robert Crowley presented a positive financial report for the fiscal year. Artistic Director Stephen Tobias highlighted plans for future growth and development.

The 2018-2019 Season delivered 188 public performances of 42 creative works at 11 different venues across New Brunswick. Overall attendance was in excess of 15,000. This work created 137 opportunities for professional performing artists as well as over 150 opportunities for community based theatre makers.



"As I reflect on the activity, the variety and the success that the Saint John Theatre Company has generated, I marvel with amazement, and can't help but feel pride at the accomplishments and reputation that we are developing. We had set ambitious and lofty goals for the past season, and our staff and many volunteers have worked with ambition, passion, and with the love of theatre, to fulfill the vision that the Executive Director and the Board had created,"

adds George Daniel, SJTC Board President. *"The activity within our organization continues to grow, and the quality of our projects show increased polish and maturity."*

The evening concluded with recognition of key contributors and partners to the SJTC. Stephen Tobias acknowledged BMO Financial for its role as a major patron in all SJTC activities, Canaport LNG for its continued support of the SJTC Main Stage Series, and TD for its support of SJTC outreach initiatives; Canada Council for the Arts, Canadian Heritage, and the Province of New Brunswick were also noted as being instrumental in the long-term success of the company.

Several new members were added to the SJTC Board of Directors. The SJTC is pleased to welcome Chris London, Cathy Rignanesi, Lisa Gribbons, Kevin Scott, Peter Buckland, and Signe Gurholt to the team.

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Members Dean Turner and Robert Crowley are retiring from the SJTC Board of Directors after serving repeated terms. The SJTC would like to thank Robert and Dean for their contribution to the SJTC.

The SJTC is a professional arts organization that aims to enrich and engage the community by producing quality theatre and creating experiences through performing arts. The company strives to be a leading Canadian performing arts organization.

image: scene from the May 2019 production of 'Little Shop of Horrors'