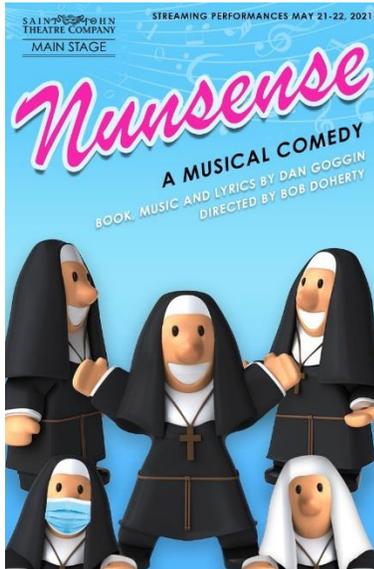


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SJTC To Cancel Mary Poppins

Further adjustments to the SJTC Main Stage Season result in large scale production of *Mary Poppins* being replaced with the heart-warming musical comedy *Nunsense*.



SAINT JOHN – Due to pandemic limitations, the SJTC has decided to **cancel the May Main Stage production of *Mary Poppins***. Large-scale casting requirements and heavy production costs in a time with reduced ticket selling capacity have forced the company to select a more feasible production.

*“There is no small way to produce *Mary Poppins*. It requires a large cast, large scale settings and costumes, a special team to arrange for having *Mary Poppins* fly through the air, and large intricate dance numbers. It is a project that is impossible to rehearse and stage in a time where physical distancing is still required. Another issue is, quite simply, the cost. A large-scale production offering the kind of crowd-pleasing spectacle provided by *Mary Poppins*, is extremely expensive to produce and present. Given the expected COVID-19-*

*related reductions in seating capacity at Imperial Theatre, there is no feasible model for producing *Mary Poppins* until we can be assured that we have the capacity to fill the theatre. I love *Mary Poppins* and I think it is an amazing musical to share with our community. We will wait until such time as the theatre is unrestricted, and we have the all-clear from provincial health authorities to produce the play in the grand style that our audience deserves to see,”* adds Stephen Tobias.

The company is happy to announce that the production will be replaced with the hilarious musical comedy, *Nunsense*. Directed by Bob Doherty.

*“I believe that our community, tired of being stuck at home for the last year, is very much in need of some entertainment and fun. To replace *Mary Poppins*, I had searched for a smaller cast, simpler to design, yet amazing fun piece of musical theatre – and that led me to *Nunsense*. This is a crowd pleasing, family-friendly, laugh-a-minute play that will be worth leaving the house for!”*

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Mary Poppins tickets will be valid for Nunsense. SJTC subscribers and single ticket will need to contact the Imperial Theatre to have their seats re-assigned in accordance with updated capacity and seating requirements.

In addition to live performances, streaming options are also available for those who are not comfortable attending the theatre in person. For ticket holders who prefer to stream this production, a refund will be issued for the in-person ticket through Imperial Theatre box office (506-674-4100) and a streaming ticket can then be purchased by visiting:
www.showtix4u.com

For inquiries about seating adjustments or refunds, please contact the Imperial Theatre box office at 506-674-4100.

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