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A passionate and controversial play.

SJTC in partnership with Chroma NB presents a controversial play that provides a glimpse into the early days of the AIDS crisis.



SAINT JOHN – the SJTC is proud to present *The Normal Heart* in the BMO Studio Theatre this June. The controversial play is a semi-autobiographical account of the rise of the HIV/AIDS epidemic in New York City in the early 1980s. The play follows writer and gay activist Ned Weeks as he attempts to understand love as he fights for the rights of the gay community. Author Larry Kramer's play was the first to seriously examine the devastating subject of AIDS.

"The plot outlines the rise of the Aids Coalition to Unleash Power (ACT-UP), a small group of would-be activists who fight city hall and the White House to have their voices heard to stop and prevent the epidemic from spreading," adds Director, Matt Hamilton-Snow. *"'The Normal Heart' is a time capsule that continues to remind us that medicine is politics and the first step to finding a cure is global cooperation."*

The Normal Heart will run from June 22-25 at the BMO Studio Theatre. Tickets are on sale now and are \$20.00 for adults and \$15.00 for students. To order please visit tickets.saintjohntheatrecompany.com.

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