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## Clyde A. Wray reveals a glimpse into the lives of local legends Georgina Whetsel and Lena O'Ree.



SAINT JOHN – This February the SJTC will be presenting *Georgina Whetsel & Lena O'Ree: Pushing Toward the Future*; a follow-up script to the Nationally recognized production, *We Were Here* (Feb 2021). Clyde A. Wray has created an imaginative glimpse into the lives of Georgina Whetsel and Lena O'Ree with a whimsical account of their lives as they meet at the gates of Heaven and engage in an enchanting conversation with Saint Peter!

Georgina Whetsel was a prominent nineteenth-century businesswoman who had a monopoly over the ice in the New Brunswick ice trade. Lena O'Ree hosted the first black radio show in 1931 when she was only seventeen years old and later went on to become a prominent civil rights activist.

*"There have been very strong and powerful women in our history that have overcome all forms of adversity, these are two,"* adds Wray. *"This performance is dedicated to those women that think they can't; but can."*

*Georgina Whetsel & Lena O'Ree: Pushing Toward the Future* will run at BMO Studio Theatre, 112 Princess Street, from February 23-25 at 7:30 PM. There will also be an opportunity to stream the show on February 25 at 7:30 PM. Tickets are \$10 for in person or streaming. To purchase visit [www.tickets.saintjohntheatrecompany.com](http://www.tickets.saintjohntheatrecompany.com) or call 652-7582.

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