

Cottagers and Indians Returns to Saint John Before Touring Overseas

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SAINT JOHN – The Saint John Theatre Company is thrilled to announce the return of **Cottagers and Indians**, Drew Hayden Taylor's heartwarming and humorous play, for a special remount and school tour before embarking on an international run in Germany later this fall.

Inspired by real-life events at Pigeon Lake, Ontario, the play explores a decades-long dispute over wild rice, dubbed the "Wild Rice Wars" by local media, between a Curve Lake First Nation man and lakefront residents. Through humour and poignant storytelling, the production delves into themes of ownership, equity, reconciliation, and community.

The remount brings back the original 2022 cast and creative team, including **director Samantha Wilson** and actors **James Dallas Smith** and **Martha Irving**. Following its Saint John run, the production will tour to the **Gerhart Hauptmann Theater** in Zittau and Görlitz, Germany, from **October 20–26, 2025**.

Public performances in Saint John take place on **October 10 & 11 at 7:30 PM** at the **BMO Studio Theatre**. Tickets are available now: \$35 Regular, \$20 Student, \$30 Main Stage Subscriber. And for those who work in the culture industry, we are pleased to offer a special Industry Night discount price of \$30 on October 10.

Tickets can be purchased by clicking **HERE**.

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