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## **BMO Renews Long-Term Commitment to Saint John Theatre Company with \$150,000 Investment**

**SAINT JOHN, NB** – BMO, a long-standing champion of the arts and proud Season Patron of the Saint John Theatre Company (SJTC), has renewed its significant support with a commitment of \$150,000 over the next three years.

BMO's relationship with SJTC spans more than a decade, most visibly through its naming sponsorship of The BMO Studio Theatre at 112 Princess Street, the company's creative hub and home base. This latest investment builds on a strong history of partnership and ensures that SJTC can continue to deliver exceptional live theatre while expanding its role as a cornerstone of the Saint John arts community.

*"This is more than just financial support, it's a powerful demonstration of confidence in our work and in the importance of the performing arts to this region,"* said Stephen Tobias, Executive Director of SJTC. *"BMO's' steadfast commitment helps us dream bigger, reach wider, and sustain our mission to create meaningful theatre experiences for our audiences. We are deeply grateful for their belief in our company and for their leadership in supporting the arts."*

*"We are proud to deepen our long-standing partnership with Saint John Theatre Company, a cornerstone of the arts in Atlantic Canada. Live theatre has the unique power to bring people together, spark connection and strengthen the fabric of our communities,"* said Mike Gauthier, Senior Relationship Manager for Commercial Banking, BMO. *"Through this renewed support, the BMO Studio Theatre will continue to be a space where creative voices are elevated and the Saint John arts and culture community can thrive."*

The relationship between BMO and the SJTC began in 2007, with a \$100,000 contribution to the Setting The Stage Capital Campaign for the establishment of the Princess Street Production Facility and the BMO Studio Theatre. Since then, with the ongoing support of BMO, the SJTC has grown to become the largest producer of theatre in New Brunswick. SJTC now offers dozens of theatre productions annually via the SJTC Main Stage Series, the BMO Studio Theatre, the Fundy Fringe Festival and Loyalist City Shakespeare. The BMO Studio Theatre is also home to the "Live @ The BMO" music series and has recently launched the "National Theatre Live" theatre broadcast programming.

The renewed partnership between BMO and SJTC will further strengthen programming, enhance operations, and maintain the vibrant community space that has become a cultural anchor for the greater Saint John region.

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