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# Saint John Theatre Company to Remount *We Were Here* for Black History Month in 2027

SAINT JOHN, NB – Saint John Theatre Company (SJTC) is proud to announce the return of *We Were Here* during Black History Month (February 4-6, 2027), bringing this powerful and acclaimed production back to the stage six years after its original premiere.

Written and directed by poet and playwright Clyde A. Wray, *We Were Here* debuted in 2021 as part of Black History Month celebrations and quickly resonated with audiences across the region. Through a series of moving monologues, the production tells the stories of remarkable Black historical figures whose contributions helped shape Saint John, New Brunswick, and Atlantic Canada.

The play features the stories of Eldridge Eatman, Josiah Henson, Cornelius Sparrow, Dr. Constance Timberlake, Edward Mitchell Bannister, Abraham Beverley Walker, Georgina Whetsel, and Lena O'Ree - individuals whose achievements, perseverance, and leadership left an enduring mark on our communities.

*"These stories remain as important today as they were when the play was first created,"* said Clyde A. Wray, playwright. *"Many of these individuals are still absent from the history books and public conversation. Remounting We Were Here gives us another opportunity to celebrate their legacies, deepen our understanding of Black history in Atlantic Canada, and share these stories with new audiences."*

In addition to the live performances, the 2021 professionally filmed production will be made available to schools throughout Atlantic Canada during the month of February. The streaming initiative will give students and teachers the opportunity to engage with local Black history through theatre, fostering learning, discussion, and reflection.

Since its premiere, *We Were Here* has been viewed by thousands of audience members and students and continues to serve as an important educational and cultural resource.

Performance will take place at the BMO Studio Theatre, 112 Princess Street from February 4-6, 2027 at 7:30 PM followed by a post-show Q&A session. To order tickets visit www.saintjohntheatrecompany.com or call 506-652-7582.

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