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Cross-Canada Tour gives theatre company platform to discuss first PM's Legacy with Canadian Youth

Thursday March 12, 2015 — *for immediate release* — SALON Theatre announces the launch of their second National School Tour of *Sir John, Eh? The Road Show*. From April 4 until May 22, 2015, our actors will appear in schools from Vancouver to Halifax, and on Via Rail trains in between.

Music, Theatre, and Canadian History at its best, the *Sir John, Eh?* Roadshow brings 5 talented performers into schools to engage students in the legacy of John A. Macdonald. SALON's new production examines later life and policies, including the controversial plan for a trans Canadian railway with special attention paid to the impact these plans had on Western Canadian settlers, Metis, and First Nations.

What's the play about? In SALON's newest original musical production, 200-year-old former Prime Minister, Sir John A Macdonald is charged with cheating, misleading and mistreating. While awaiting trial in the Court of Canadian History, the audience is taken inside his jail cell while Macdonald awaits his trial with an intriguing and mysterious cellmate. The cellmate, whose intensity and gumption instantly earn the politician's respect, will later play a pivotal role in deciding Macdonald's case, much to the surprise of the former PM himself.

"Part of SALON Theatre's mandate is to create original theatrical material that takes a critical look into Canada's history and inspires Canada's youth to examine their civic processes," says Patrick Downes, Head of Education Outreach for SALON Theatre. "Our school show brings this mandate into schools across Canada and afterwards gives students a chance to participate in an open forum after each show."

Tour Dates

Winnipeg, Manitoba April 6 – April 10
Calgary, Alberta April 12 – April 20
Edmonton, Alberta April 22
Creston, British Columbia April 24
Kamloops, British Columbia April 25 – April 28
Vancouver, British Columbia April 30 – May 4
Aboard Via Rail, Cross Canada May 5 – May 11 & May 13 – May 14
Halifax, Nova Scotia May 12
Eastern Ontario May 15-22

Sir John, Eh? The Road Show is part of SALON Theatre's SirJohnA2015, a year-long project aimed at drawing attention to our National Identity and Canada's first Prime Minister with a unique blend of heritage and the arts. Full details are available at www.sirjohna2015.ca

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