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The critically acclaimed one-woman-show TRUDEAU STORIES, written and performed by Brooke Johnson, is coming to St. John's. At once vital and charming; poignant and very funny, TRUDEAU STORIES is about friendship and loss...and about who the heck we think we are.

Resource Centre for the Arts (RCA) is proud to present Brooke Johnson's TRUDEAU STORIES from **Monday, November 22 – Sunday, November 28, 2010**, at the **LSPU Hall in St. John's, NL**.

In 1985, while she was a student at the National Theatre School in Montreal, Brooke Johnson became friends with Pierre Elliott Trudeau. It had been a year and a half since he'd stepped down as Prime Minister, and now he was walking to work, putting cereal bowls on cartoon placemats, washing dishes and making peanut-butter on toast. He was no longer doing pirouettes behind the Queen but sometimes he was hanging around with Brooke, sliding down ice-covered staircases on Mount Royal.

Through reminiscences, journal entries and correspondence, Brooke brings to life the story of a remarkable friendship. This private insight into the man and the times as seen through the eyes of a passionate artist is not to be missed.

"This is a winner. Trudeau Stories... is a portrait of a shared friendship, built on a love of the outdoors, of poetry, of theatre and of life itself. Johnson [is] a personable, passionate performer."

-Toronto Sun

"[An] unexpectedly engaging memoir... like turning the pages of a live snapshot album... a maximum of craft but a minimum of artifice...it's delightful."

-Robert Cushman, National Post

"Johnson's play...leav[es] us wanting more - as fine theatre should."

-Bruce Demara, The Toronto Star

SPECIAL EVENTS!

On Monday November 22, at 8:00pm there will be a **HURRICANE IGOR FUNDRAISER**, at the LSPU Hall. This is pay-what-you-can dress rehearsal of TRUDEAU STORIES and proceeds are being donated to the Red Cross (\$20 suggested donation).

Have a question about Trudeau you've always wanted to ask? Bring your lunch, come down to the Hall, and chat with Brooke! **LUNCH at the HALL with BROOKE JOHNSON**: Wednesday, November 24, 1:00 PM in the LSPU Hall Second Space.

RCA is also holding a **FOOD DRIVE!** Non-perishable food items will be accepted at the LSPU Hall throughout the run of TRUDEAU STORIES. All food items will be donated to the Community Food Sharing Association.

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