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TUESDAYS & SUNDAYS
FESTIVAL ANTIGONISH 2003

## Catch play before it hits the big times



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Arare opportunity has presented itself to us all: a chance to see a wonderful piece of theatre just before it is adapted into a movie!

Actors Daniel Arnold and Medina Hahn are currently performing their play *Tuesdays & Sundays* at Festival Antigonish as part of Addy Doucette's late-night series and I have to tell Buzz readers that it's the best piece of theatre I've seen in Nova Scotia in years. My own plays included! The film version will hopefully be shot on Prince Edward Island.

Tuesdays & Sundays is a tender and tragic love story set on the island in 1887. The actors, who trained at the University of Alberta, created the play in 1999 and took it on a fringe festival tour to Winnipeg, Toronto, Victoria, Edinburgh, and then onto New Mexico and Prague. It has also been adapted for radio on CBC and on BBC Scotland. The play will be travelling to New York after its run in Antigonish.

I caught the play on opening night, and Daniel and Medina were greeted with a second standing ovation as they walked into the post-show reception. While performing the play as part of the Edinburgh Fringe Festival, they told me they were approached by film producers with the BBC who want them to adapt the story of first love into a co-produced Scottish/Canadian screenplay. The play runs this week to Sunday, July 27. Call 902-867-3333. Tickets are just \$10.

The Scottish producers are looking for a Canadian company to work with and I hope the film community will zip up to Antigonish this week to check out the source material. They spent the first few days of this week visiting the settings for their true story on P.E.I. Perhaps they'll run into Daniel Day Lewis and his crew, there shooting *The Rose and The Snake*.