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## *The Frenchman Comes Home to St. Paul*

The remarkable true story of Virginia's French Colony

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## *He Dreamed Of A Better Life But Found A Nightmare That Changed Virginia*

ST. PAUL, VA -- In a remote corner of Russell County, Virginia, Pierre du Tubeuf staked his claim to build St. Marie on the Clinch River – a new French colony far from the threats of the French Revolution. With letters of introduction from Lafayette and dreams of building a new coal enterprise in Virginia, du Tubeuf was forced to leave part of his family behind in France. Pierre and his fellow French settlers survived a deadly sea voyage only to have their servants abandon them upon their arrival to Virginia. But the nightmare was only beginning. In Russell County, Pierre found that nothing was as he had been promised.

The Frenchman will premiere on Saturday, May 28, 2022 at 3 p.m. at St. Paul Elementary School, 3200 Deacon Drive, St. Paul, VA . This performance is to honor Wise County Schools. Additional performances are scheduled for Saturday, May 28 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, May 29, 2022 at 3 p.m. Portions of the ticket sales from this performance will support the Lyric Theater project.

Tickets are \$10 in advance or at the door.

“This is a remarkable true story that changed the course of history in southwest Virginia,” said Amelia Townsend, director of the play, “the land where Pierre dreamed of a French colony, just became Virginia’s newest state park.”

This original work brings a stellar cast to the stage, including Camilo Eraso as the visionary Pierre du Tubeuf and several local actors.

Shoestring Theatre Company is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that shares the authentic culture of southwest Virginia to life through original stories that are presented across the Commonwealth. Shoestring Theatre Company is generously supported by the City of Fairfax, the Fairfax Commission on the Arts, the Knights of Columbus, and the Four Winds at Oakton and the Mountain Heritage Foundation.