



DRAMA BEAT

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The Crucible

by Arthur Miller

"... Is the accuser always holy now? Were they born this morning as clean as God's fingers? I'll tell you what's walking Salem--vengeance is walking Salem. We are what we always were in Salem, but now the crazy little children are jangling the keys of the kingdom, and common vengeance writes the law! This warrant's vengeance; I will not give my wife to vengeance!", responds John Proctor when his wife is accused.

Arthur Miller's, *THE CRUCIBLE*, is the first offering of our exciting 1992-93 theatre season. This riveting drama is set in Salem during the Puritan purge of witchcraft. The powerfully written drama tells how lies told by children grow until a whole town is embroiled. It shows how these lies build until nineteen good, upright, God-fearing men and women go to the gallows accused of being possessed of the Devil.

The action centers around a young farm couple and a young servant girl who maliciously accuses the wife and causes her arrest. The climax of the play is the thrilling and bloodcurdling courtroom scene as it shows the monstrously terrifying course of bigotry and deceit.

The cast includes: Kristina Vaughan, Todd Edwards, Camisha Thomas, Allison Crawford, Melissa Crow, Kathryn Polka, John Daniels, Katie Strayhorn, Eleanor Brown, Phil Pyle, Amanda Ennis, Robert Vance, John Battles, Christy Lee, Danny Brown, Antjuan Oden, Dennis Lashbrook, Tom Millington, Don Elliott, and Lesley Sullins.

Performance dates are October 22, 23, 24, and 26 at 8:00 p.m. and October 25 at 2:00 p.m. Ticket prices are \$5.00 for adults; \$4.00 for JSU Faculty/ Staff and Senior Citizens; and \$3.00 for Students, Military and Children. Group rates are available. Call 782-5648 for reservations.

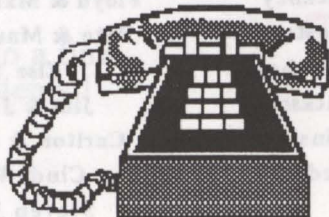
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Let's take a look back to the Summer of '92. What happened? Well, we missed Taste of the Town Summer Dinner Theatre and judging from the number of calls we received, so did many of you. It was nice to have a break but we did miss the exciting and hectic pace of the past five summers.

Even though we had a break we did manage to stay busy! Through the summer we finalized plans for our new lightboard system. (It's still not all in yet but we're getting there.) We also were able to hire a new staff member, a pro-rata faculty member and an adjunct faculty member. (Our program seems to be growing!!!) We also managed to award a good number of new and renewal scholarships.

So...even though it was a "slower" paced summer, it was still a very prosperous summer.

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Thank You - Everyone!

In June the Drama Department launched its "Buy a Seat and Save a Lightboard" campaign in order to have reliable lighting control again. I was constantly reminded of your generosity and concern as your gifts arrived promptly. Your gifts and some reallocated scholarship monies permitted us to prepare bids and purchase a new system last week. We are now in a six-week "sprint" to physically disconnect and reconnect thousands of circuits and be ready for THE CRUCIBLE technical rehearsals in October. The assurance of reliable lighting is wonderful again but our scholarship fund for next spring is now depleted. We would appreciate any donations to Mask and Wig you may give as we want to maintain all four of our assets in an excellent status for you: students, productions, equipment, and facility.

1992-93 THEATRE CONTRIBUTORS

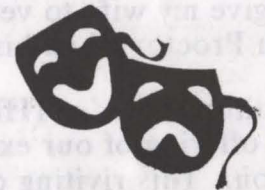
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Get some friends together for a dinner or dessert party and come on over to the theatre for a nice evening out. All you need to do is make your reservation a couple of weeks in advance (sooner for musicals), collect the money and pick up the tickets. Or, you can handle it all over the phone via credit card (MasterCard or VISA only) and we will mail you the tickets (please give us at least one week for this) for the desired performance. So, the next time you are planning a party, think about some inexpensive entertainment at the JSU Drama Department.

CONGRATULATIONS



Thanks to generous donations by our theatre patrons, JSU Drama has been able to award scholarships to the following students:
 Todd Shumpert, A. J. Richards, Katie

Strayhorn, Shane Smith, Melissa Thompson, Jamie Smith, Kimberly Kinsey, Elizabeth Hayes, Allison Crawford, John Daniels, Shannon DeWitt, Cynthia Byers, Annette Conner, Jennifer Jacobs, Brooke Engler, Janet Peterson, and Todd Edwards.

Congratulations to a fine group of drama students!!



It's not too late to subscribe to the 1992-93 JSU Theatre Season! Even though the extended deadline only lasts through October 1 (for discounted rates), tickets may be purchased at full price any time. And, if you think about it, six plays for only \$25.00 (full price) is still the best entertainment value around. Call Jan at 782-5623 for more information or to place a credit card order.

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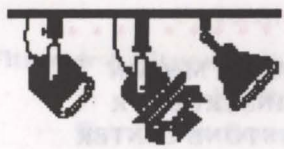
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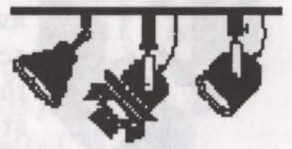
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IN THE SPOTLIGHT



The Drama Department is excited to announce the addition of three new faces to our staff. As we said in a previous article "it was a good summer!" Our first new face should be familiar to anyone who has had dealings with our costume shop. Joyce Tate (Mrs. Tom) was hired in August as our Costume Shop Manager. She has been a part of JSU Drama since her days as a student when she worked in the costume shop. She received her BA in English and Drama in 1990 from JSU. Joyce has contracted with the department for work during Taste of the Town Summer Dinner Theatre and for our regular departmental shows. Joyce leads a very busy life as our Shop Manager, wife and mother of four and grandmother (can you believe it?) of three.

Our next new face belongs to Susan McCain. Susan, an Asheville native, comes to us fresh from having taught at the University of Alabama's Performing Arts Workshop this summer. (She received her Masters of Fine Arts degree there earlier this year.) Susan, who spent eighteen years in Los Angeles and who is a member of Equity and the Screen Actor's Guild, studied acting with Lee Strasberg. She coached in the the L.A. area and worked with the American Film Institute. She is the mother of seven-year-old Tommy who has taught her the joy of working with young people. All this experience, an enthusiasm and love for teaching. . . right here in our very own JSU Drama Department. We hope this is the beginning of a long lasting relationship.

Our final "new" face belongs to Gene Ericson of Anniston who was hired to teach a section of Introduction to Theatre. Although we've known of Gene for a good while, this is the first opportunity we have had to have him teach for us. He received his Master of Fine Arts in Theatre Design from the University of Mississippi. He also taught there as well as at Emory University and Trenton State University. He owns and Operates Evans Florist "OUI DESIGN" in Anniston. We also hope that we will be seeing more of him in the future.

Joyce, Susan and Gene -- WELCOME ABOARD!

