

Multiple casting portrayed in small town, earthy play

"It's a play that is fun, light, heavy, sad, sometimes jarring, totally hysterical and a play that often hits home," said Roby Robinson, director of the winter production "Spoon River Anthology".

The 12 person cast consists of Barbara Bragg, Neil Hass, Harriet Mason, Joanne Mason, Lynn Meyer, Brian Puckett, Rod Ragsdale, Ardys Reed, Robert Reed, Marilou Shanklin, Terry Timmen and Millard Word. They will portray a total of 60-70 characters through the technique of multiple characterization.

Based on Edgar Lee Masters' "Spoon River Anthology" the play is about the small town, Spoon River, and the lives of the residents there. The play will feature a number of old, classical folksongs and original ones written by Rod Ragsdale. Singing and dancing will also be featured throughout the play.

The play will begin Friday, Jan. 28 and run three weekends, closing on Saturday, Feb. 12. Tickets are available at the Tri-City Chamber of Commerce and reservations can be made by calling 655-1619 Friday after 5 p.m. and 656-2638 all day Saturday.

Admission is \$3 adults, \$2.50 students, and \$1.50 children. Group rates will be available on request for groups of 15 or more.

Tentative plans are being made for entering "Spoon River Anthology" in a regional competition hosted by Portland Civic Theatre (PCT) March 5 and 6.

Winners of the PCT competition will travel to Washington for national competition and on to Monaco some time next year for international competition.

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Brian Puckett observes as Marylou Shanklin strums the chord of the barnyard tune of "Spoon River Anthology."

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Theatre visits

A unique, two-man acting team, the New Theatre, will perform at Clackamas Community College Thursday, Jan. 27, at 8 p.m. in the Community Center Mall.

The New Theatre, which consists of Paul E. Richards and Gerald Hiken, will present scenes, sketches, poems and dialogues that provide the audience with new insights into acting.

Both men are members of the Actors Studio in New York and have performed on and off Broadway.

Richards and Hiken are the whole acting company, design staff, promotion department and playwrights-in-residence. They work without costumes, scenery or props and require only an open space for a stage.

The two men feel it is important to break down the barriers that divide the actors from the audience. They accomplish this through a variety of techniques, including entering the audience before a performance to make friends.

The actors will conduct a workshop at Clackamas in the McLoughlin Hall Theatre Page 8

at 2 p.m. on Jan. 27.

Admission is \$1.50 for students and \$2.50 for adults. Senior citizens will be admitted free with a Gold Card.

Dance planned

An exciting 24 hours is planned for Clackamas Community College's Community Center Mall Feb. 11 and 12 as a dance marathon to raise money for the fight against muscular dystrophy will be staged.

Students from area high schools and Clackamas Community College and the public are invited to participate. Pledge forms are available at the student activities offices of the high schools and the college.

There will be live bands, including a six-hour disco show, for the 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11, to 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, marathon.

Prizes will be awarded for most money raised and pledges as well as door prizes and various dance contests.

Those who wish to watch the marathon, which is titled "Dance For Those Who Can't", will be admitted for \$1.

Group featured

Rock group Raintree will perform today, Jan. 29, in the Clackamas Community College Community Center Mall for beginning at 8 p.m.

The contemporary rock group, which is made up of four males and a lead vocalist, specializes in original compositions and the music of groups such as the Beatles and America.

Tickets are free for CCC students and all others paying \$1.

Depression film

How to deal with depression in a proper manner is the theme of the film "Depression. . .Blahs, Blues, and Better Days" shown at Clackamas Community College at noon today in the Community Center building, room 117.

Many adolescents who experience difficulties in their growing up years through drugs, vandalism, absenteeism, and suicide. For more mature people, job problems may lead to severe problems.

The film shows how depression can be recognized and overcome, and the kind of problems which may stem from depression.

"Depression. . .Blahs, Blues and Better Days" is part of the Brown Bag Movie Series offered to the public at CCC. Moviegoers may bring their lunch or purchase lunch from the cafeteria in the Community Center.

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