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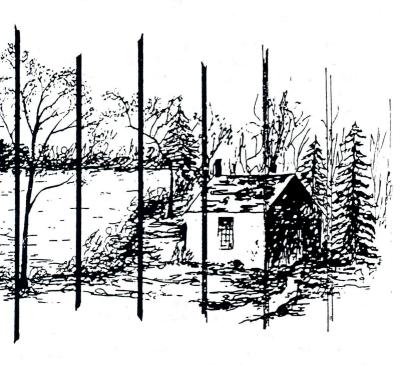
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Jerome Lawrence and Robert E. Lee's

# THE NIGHT THOREAU SPENT IN JAIL



October 25, 27, November 1, 3, 1990 Little Theatre Taylor University

#### A Word from the Director:

The late 1960's and early 1970's saw a youth movement sweep this country. In colleges and universities across the land young people were challenged (and challenged the "Establishment") to reassess their values, their beliefs, their attitudes, their behaviour, their institutions, and their lifestyles. As with any movement based in idealism, there was much in the youth counter-culture movement that was excessive in its reactionary impulse and potentially damaging to the human spirit. Nevertheless, there was much that rang true to the heart and to a higher raison d'etre that resonated with the ideas and ideals of Emerson and the lifestyle of Thoreau. Simplicity of means, healthy self-reliance, communion with nature and nature's God, were advocated as means of aspiring toward the best that human experience was capable of providing. Slavery, exploitation of labor, the war in Mexico, the despoiling of the planet, rampant materialism, were attacked as means of destroying the best that human experience was capable of becoming. The youth of the 60's and 70's have become the "Establishment" of the 90's. And as is the case in every time and season, we run the risk of fulfilling the prophetic words of Thoreau to his own generation: "We have become everything we protested against."

"The Night Thoreau Spent in Jail" asks us (along with him) to consider the human condition, to reevaluate our attitudes toward our planet, our fellow human beings, our governing institutions, and the use of force as a legitimate means to an end, given the capacity of human beings for rationalization of motive and inhumanity of action. For Thoreau, it was a night well spent. We hope that you can say the same.

#### A NOTE on 19th Century Transcendentalism:

The God of Transcendentalism is not the God of Christianity, and yet the God of Christianity is the God of Transcendentalism. The "Intelligence that Governs the Universe," "The Universal Mind," are expressions of a limited perception of God which, nevertheless, captures legitimate aspects of His Being. By understanding the impulses in the human spirit which make Transcendentalism an appealing ideal, I believe that the truth of our Christian world views can ultimately be strengthened in the process. We hear a great deal today about "New Age" philosophy. Much of this philosophy is embodied in 19th century Transcendentalism. When people become interested in matters of the spirit, regardless of the source of that interest, I believe that Christianity is posed no threat, but rather provided an opportunity for the truth to be heard in the hearts of our fellows. The Spirit is thereby evangelical.

### The Night Thoreau Spent in Jail

Directed and Designed by Dr. Oliver Hubbard

## THE CAST

(in order of appearance)

Mother. Lisa Angerer Henry. Brent Croxton John. *Jack Lugar Bailey. Dan Kett Deacon Ball Bruce Fouse Ellen. Becky Madsen Minister. Kurt Stout Sam Staples. Jason Welch Edward. Nathan Ehresman Farmer. Neil Propst Woman. Cynthia Cox Williams. Charles Ndizeye Townspeople Elizabeth Berry, Wally Campbell *Don Hoesel, Joe Johns, Mindy Leonard Angie Lyons, Michelle Matheny Charity Smith, Karen Stafford, Paul Stocksdale *Elizabeth VarnHagen, Paul Zazzo	Waldo
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Woman	Edward Nathan Ehresman
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The action of the play takes place in and around Concord, Massachusetts in the mid-1840's

There will be a ten-minute intermission between

Floutists. . . . . . Mindy Leonard, Angie Lyons

Strobe lights will be used Please Note: during the production.

#### **ACKNOWLEDGMENTS**

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A Communication Arts Department Production

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As a courtesy to the actors, please do not use cameras during the performance

\*Denotes Alpha Psi Omega Membership

PRODUCTION S	STAFF
Assistants to the Director	Lauri Mullens
	Deanna Slough
Technical Director	Dr. Oliver Hubbard
Set Crew	JASON WELCH
bet crew	Bruce Fouse
	Jason Purcell
	Jeff Ramsdale
	Garrick Shanley
	Deanna Slough
	Karen Stafford
Light Crew	LAURI MULLENS
Light Citw	Ellen Christensen
	Dan Kett
	Jim Palmer
	Rosie Seville
	Jason Wolf
Audio Technicians	ILAN KIBBEY
	Tim Grable
	Mike Long
Projectionists	DAN WESTLAKE
11 ojectionists	Jennifer Baginski
Sheri LaSovage	*Jeff Bennett
Amy Phillips	*Jim Church
Jennifer Lengacher	Debbie Kinch
Make-up Crew	BETH KROGER
	*TRACY TOBEY
Kari Parker	Beth Delmastro
Nanci Swanson	Alicia Helyer
	Beth Lundquist
Properties	HOLLY GAFF
	Debbie Kinch
Ellen Christensen	Sheri LaSovage
*Jim Church	Beth Siekerman
Heather Hissom	Tricia Cable
Costumes	*ELYCE ELDER
	Wayne Bernhardt
	Todd Fisher
	Cathy Ittzes
	Sherri MacFadyen
	Steve Richard
House	*JIM CHURCH
Kim Nelson	MINDI FISHER
Heidi Oakley	Dawn Bartow
Aaron Pike	Kris Bowgren
Marc Plastow	Ellen Christensen
Pam Reeder	Jamie Costas
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