



LINDENWOOD UNIVERSITY THEATRE PRESENTS  
PRODUCED BY SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT WITH THE PLAYWRIGHT

THEY'RE DEAD BUT  
STILL STANDING THERE.  
WAITING FOR THE WAKE  
TO KNOCK 'EM DOWN.

# Evangeline Drowning

by Kurt Heinlein

★ original music by Katie Pfaff

★ directed by John O'Hagan

Lindenwood University Theatre Program Presents *Evangeline Drowning*

written by Kurt Heinlein, original music by Katie Pfaffl, directed by John O'Hagan

**DIRECTOR'S NOTE**

Thank you for supporting Lindenwood University Theatre by viewing this production of Kurt Heinlein's *Evangeline Drowning*.

This play is, in the playwright's words, a piece of "Green Theatre". At the risk of giving too much away prior to viewing the piece, it is a frank and honest exploration of the very real costs that come when we turn a blind eye to the choices we've made - and continue to make in regards to environmental practices.

This statement appears near the end of the Mr. Heinlein's introduction to his play:

*"It became overwhelmingly clear to me that these young people had experienced financial hardship, profound social difficulties, and were witnessing the imminent decay of family and vital cultural heritage. Many had been displaced, had their education trajectory sidetracked, and some played witness as friends and family lost lives..."*

While these words were written about a group of young people who were struggling to find their way through a post-Katrina landscape, they took on an added resonance for our whole cast and crew as we worked to bring this production to fruition in a COVID landscape. Especially as we witnessed the same region of Southern Louisiana get hit by a record 5 named storms in 2020 while also fighting the ravages of COVID.

While this production has had its challenges, they pale in comparison to what the Gulf Coast and the wetlands regions in particular face year in and year out.

We all have a stake in this issue and only a few are bearing the cost. We do have choices. The Lindenwood University Theatre program has identified two organizations (see pg.4) that we have dedicated a portion of our production expenses to supporting. We'd like to invite you to support them as well.

Thank you,  
John O'Hagan

# EVANGELINE DROWNING

**CAST**

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|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>Narrator:</b> Marleena Garris | <b>Chad:</b> Javin Blake Terrell |
| <b>Celia:</b> Cierre Wesley      | <b>Sonya:</b> Jalyn Jordan       |
| <b>Tricia:</b> Jessie Elliott    | <b>Roxanne:</b> Faye Pickett     |
| <b>Renee:</b> Camryn Ruhl        | <b>LeDeux:</b> Alec Heriford     |
| <b>Jackie:</b> James Randolph    | <b>Thoreau:</b> Lauren Paulin    |
| <b>Thomas:</b> Brian Carles      | <b>Mitchell:</b> Kalani Cing     |
| <b>Dru:</b> Gloria Adame         | <b>Saranda:</b> Marissa Meadows  |
| <b>JD:</b> Ryan Anthony Williams | <b>Tice:</b> Creighton Markovich |
| <b>Ronnie:</b> Kayla Taabish     | <b>Child:</b> Shelby DuBose      |

**SCHEIDEGGER CENTER PRODUCTION STAFF**

- Director of Theater Operations ..... Kathleen Eads  
 Production Manager,  
 Professional Theatre Operations ..... Brian Bird  
 Assistant Production Manager,  
 Professional Theatre Operations ..... Tony Elliot  
 Academic Production Manager..... Stacy A. Blackburn  
 Technical Director..... Stuart Hollis  
 Assistant Technical Director.....Christopher Phillips  
 Lighting Director ..... David Carr



## THANK YOU

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Thank you for watching Lindenwood University Theatre's presentation of *Evangeline Drowning* by Kurt Heinlein.

Special Thanks to Kurt Heinlein, Lorna Gianelloni, Lanor Curole and Glen Pitre who all gave generously of their time, energy and stories to the cast. Especially Lanor who was instrumental in helping us find the perfect JD for the show.

Lindenwood University has donated a portion of production expenses to the two following organizations and we encourage you to consider adding your support.



The Houma Nation

[unitedhoumanation.org](http://unitedhoumanation.org)



Southern Louisiana Discovery Center

[SLWDC.org/about](http://SLWDC.org/about)

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This production is entered in the Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival (KCACTF). The aims of this national theater education program are to identify and promote quality in college-level theater production. To this end, each production entered is eligible for a response by a regional KCACTF representative, and selected students and faculty are invited to participate in KCACTF programs involving scholarships, internships, grants and awards for actors, directors, dramaturgs, playwrights, designers, stage managers and critics at both the regional and national levels.

Productions entered on the Participating level are eligible for invitation to the KCACTF regional festival and may also be considered for national awards recognizing outstanding achievement in production, design, direction and performance.

Last year more than 1,500 productions were entered in the KCACTF involving more than 200,000 students nationwide. By entering this production, our theater department is sharing in the KCACTF goals to recognize, reward, and celebrate the exemplary work produced in college and university theaters across the nation.





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