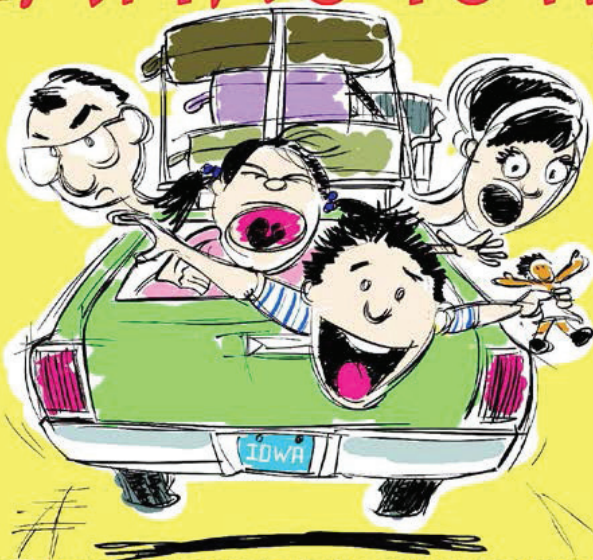


Thief River Falls Community Arts Council presents

LEAVING IOWA



A COMEDY ABOUT FAMILY VACATIONS

By

Tim Clue and Spike Manton

Directed by Paul Tandberg

July 28-30, 2010

Northland College Theater - TRF

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"Leaving Iowa premiered at the Purple Rose Theatre Company on January 22, 2004, in Chelsea, Michigan, directed by Anthony Caselli."

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Act I



~ 15 Minute Intermission ~



Act II



ABOUT THE SHOW

The spark behind *Leaving Iowa* comes from being children of parents from the now dubbed "greatest generation". The story is a toast to their idealism and character and a little roast of their undying dedication to the classic family road trip.

More specifically, it is the story of Don Browning, a middle-aged writer, who returns home and decides to finally take his father's ashes to his childhood home, as requested. But when Don discovers Grandma's house is now a grocery store, he begins traveling across Iowa searching for a proper resting place for his father. This father-and-son road trip shifts smoothly from the present to Don's memories of the annual, torturous vacations of his childhood. Don's existential journey leads him to reconcile his past and present at the center of the United States.

Leaving Iowa is a postcard to anyone who has ever found himself or herself driving alone on a road, revisiting fond memories of his or her youth.

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CHARACTERS

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| DON BROWNING | Aaron Riesen adult writer, young boy in flashbacks |
| DAD | Scott Pream Don's dad |
| MOM | Ammie Albers Don's mom, past and present |
| SIS | Michele Christensen Don's sister, past and present |
| EVERYMAN | Paul Tandberg |
| EVERYWOMAN | Brianna Geer |

CREW

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| Director | Paul Tandberg |
| Lighting | John Thibert |
| Stage Manager/Props | Jane Anderson |
| Sound Effects | August Tandberg |
| Publicity | Jean Larson |
| Box Office/Lobby | Kristi Rood, Ed & Kari Mooney Milo Ballingrud, Ben Anderson |

DIRECTOR'S NOTES

I want to thank all the people who have helped bring this play to our stage. In particular, I want to thank Jane Anderson, who offered so much help and gathered all the props, and Jean Larson, who took care of the publicity and put together the program you are now reading. I want to thank the cast for the time and work they put into making this production the joy that it has become. I want to thank my lovely and supportive wife, Charlene, and my helpful son, August. I want to thank you, the audience, for supporting local theater.

I hope you enjoy the play and find it to be a warm, humorous, and thoughtful experience. And, while not intending to give too much of the exciting ending away, I especially hope you enjoy the final battle scene when Godzilla and Swamp Creature put aside their differences in order to save the earth from the armada of Klingon Warbirds, led by the mad Captain Zardoc. (I hope I never have to direct Klingons again, they are so difficult to work with...)

Paul Tandberg

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In Memory of Margaret Saetre
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