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KANSAS STATE COLLEGE THEATRE '72

-In Search of an Answer-

presents

TOBACCO ROAD

by

Jack Kirkland

from the novel

by

ERSKINE CALDWELL

Synopsis of Scenes

Time: the 1930's

Place: the back country, Georgia—30 miles or so from Augusta

Scene: the squalid shack of Jeeter Lester and family.

Act One: Late Afternoon

Act Two: Next Morning

Act Three: Dawn, the Following Day.

About the Play

It is a famished, desolate land, once given over to the profitable raising of tobacco, then turned into small cotton plantations, which have been so intensively and stupidly cultivated as to exhaust the soil. Poverty, want, squalor, degeneracy, pitiful helplessness and grotesque, tragic lusts have stamped a lost, outpaced people with the mark of inevitable end. Unequipped to face a changing economic program, bound up in tradition, ties, and prejudices, they unknowingly face extinction. It is a passing scene, contemporary and fast fading, hurling the lie at nature's mercy and challenging a God who reputedly looks after his own. Grim humor prevades all, stalking side by side with tragedy on the last short mile which leads to complete, eventual elimination. The pride and hope of a once aggressive group, pioneers in a great new world, thus meet ironic conclusion. The world moves on, unmindful of their ghosts.

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annoy patrons and endanger the safety of others by lighting matches or smoking in prohibited areas during the performances and intermissions.

The Cast

Dude Lester Robert H. Gobetz
Ada Lester Ruth Wallace
Jeeter Lester Mike Taylor
Ellie May Lester Donna Friend
Grandma Lester Mary Dellesega
Pearl Lester Vera Frost
Lov Bensey Ron Heilman
Sister Bessie Rice Mary Alice Ferguson
Henry Peabody Chris Nelson
Captain Tim Paul Burchett
George Payne Dave Loiselle

Production Staff

Director Robert W. Gobetz
Designer Barry Bengtsen
Stage Manager Bill Marse
In charge of construction Jim Scott
In charge of properties Linda Bush
In charge of sound Daryl Pickett
In charge of costumes Peggy Hammer, Ron Heilman
In charge of publicity Larry Randolph
In charge of secretarial services Tony Fanska

CREDIT

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Produced by special arrangement
with Samuel French, Inc.

MARAT / SADE

The
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Kansas
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In
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ADAM THE
CREATOR

Through the
medium of theatre,
we explore four
possible courses of action:

1. Revolution

Marat/Sade
October 13-16

2. Destruction

Adam the Creator
December 1-4

3. Supplication

Tobacco Road
March 20-23

4. Adjustment

Streetcar Named
Desire
April 16-19

STREETCAR
NAMED DESIRE

TOBACCO ROAD

Business Administration Auditorium - 8:00 p.m.

March 20, 21, 22, 23, 1972

This card may be exchanged for one reserved seat by presenting it at the Central Ticket Office, basement of the Student Union, during the daytime hours of 9:00-12:00 and 1:00-4:00, or by presenting it at the Business Administration Auditorium Box Office on the evenings of the play from 7:00-8:00.