

The Canebrake Players presents

The Rainmaker

by N. Richard Nash

April

24th	25th	26th	27th
7pm	7pm	2pm	7pm



Director's Note

What is a 'Rainmaker'? "It is a dreamer. It is a believer. It is someone who looks at a dying world and insists it can be green again."

The Curry family are losing cattle due to a drought when a Rainmaker comes by and offers to make it rain within 24 hours for \$100. That's the tagline but it's not really what the play is about. The play is really about believing in the person God made you to be, and the importance of hope and of having dreams. It's about the ways in which those without dreams sometimes only see them as dangers, and the damage they can do to those around them in trying to protect them from dreams. In this production, we explored the idea that the biggest droughts are often the ones inside of us. The play isn't just about the rain; it's about breaking the drought in our own lives- the emotional droughts, the loss of confidence, and the dry spells in our relationships. Starbuck is a charlatan, yes, but he is also a catalyst. He forces the Curry family, especially the wonderful Lizzie, to look at themselves not as they are perceived, but as they can be. We hope you find joy in the charming charisma and absurdity of Starbuck, comfort in the warmth of the Curry family, and inspiration in Lizzie's transformation from a "plain" girl into a woman who believes in her own beauty and purpose.

We want to thank each of the actors in the play for accepting their roles and giving so much of their time the last two months to memorizing lines and studying their roles. They have been such a kind and selfless cast and it has been a real pleasure working with them.

Thank you all for coming and supporting the Canebrake Players. We hope you leave this theater tonight feeling refreshed and perhaps a little more hopeful. Enjoy!

The image shows two handwritten signatures in black ink. The first signature on the left is 'Cyd Johnston' and the second signature on the right is 'Jennifer Jordan'. Both are written in a cursive, flowing style.

Cyd Johnston & Jennifer Jordan

Cast

H.C. Curry:	James McGahey
Noah Curry:	Dylan Colburn
Jim Curry:	Grant Guyer
Lizzie Curry:	Jess Cederberg
File:	David Walker
Sheriff Thomas:	John Johnston
Bill Starbuck:	Caleb Acton

Crew

Directors:	Cyd Johnston, Jennifer Jordan
Lights & Sound:	Michael Mullins, Kelley Mullins
Costumes:	Jennifer Roemen
Set Construction & Design:	Cyd Johnston, Jennifer Jordan, Kirk Brooker, James McGahey, Michael Mullins, Kelley Mullins, Lee Jordan, David Walker, Grant Guyer, Rebecca Hasty, Jennifer Roemen
Publicity:	Donna Bishop, Jess Cederberg

Synopsis

In the drought-stricken Midwest, life feels stagnant for Lizzie Curry and her family—until a charismatic stranger named Starbuck arrives, claiming he can bring rain. As Starbuck’s presence challenges the family’s beliefs and brings hope to their barren land, Lizzie begins to see herself in a new light. This poignant and romantic drama is a timeless tale about faith, love, and self-discovery. Full of heart and humanity, *The Rainmaker* shows how even the smallest spark can ignite profound change.

About the Canebrake Players



In 1981, a group of local thespians came together to form the Canebrake Players. Productions have included comedy, drama, mystery, musicals, and fantasy, housed in the historical Old School on Main. A children's play each year provides excellent training, including production techniques and acting skills. In 1992, a scholarship was established which is presented to a high school senior who has participated over the years. While some productions have featured professional directors, almost all the directors, actors, and crew members volunteer their time to bring the arts to Demopolis.

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Rebecca Hasty

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