

Claremont Young Adult Ensemble Presents

THE LARAMIE PROJECT

By Moises Kaufman
and Tectonic Theatre Project

Directed by Jonathan Winters



At The Caffe Lena Black Box Theater

May 6-9, 13-16, & 20-23

Saturday & Sunday at 1:30PM

Monday & Tuesday at 7:00PM

Tickets: \$5-Students; \$10 Adults

Reservations/Information: 518.583.0022 ext. #1

Welcome to Channel Z Productions! There are so many ingredients to every production we do here. First comes the ideal. Many other elements come together before we even hold auditions. Months of hard work and friendships made have culminated on this day. Our production is complete with one final essential: you, the audience!

Look at how far we've come. Channel Z Productions was born in 1999 as a learning place for teenagers with a love of theater. We have chosen challenging shows for these young people and they have risen to the challenge. They have exceeded expectation every time. We are proud of our past achievements. We look forward to new endeavors with the youth of Saratoga.

We are also looking towards the future of Channel Z. We are in the process of growing into one of the premiere theater groups in the area. Our immediate future includes exciting productions with adult casts. We will not be leaving the teen group behind but have added an adult ensemble. Perhaps the two groups will meld now and then to learn from one another. We are also filling up the calendar year with more and more shows!

We at Channel Z are pleased to come together as a dedicated group of individuals. It is our goal to achieve excellence in all aspects of production by working as a cohesive group. We are producers, directors, and musical directors. We are skilled in scenic design, scenic artistry, and so much more. We are seasoned actors and actresses. We have gained experience in other theaters and have come together here – to please the Channel Z audiences.

We warmly welcome back past audience members and applaud those who are with us for the first time. We encourage all of you to sign our mailing list out in the lobby. We will keep you apprised of future auditions and the dates of our many and varied upcoming shows. Channel Z Productions looks forward to your continued support. We thank you for enriching us with your presence. Your enthusiasm makes us complete.

Irma Zehr

Jeannette Zehr

JJ. Buechner
Richard Cherry
Darlene Kelly
Michael Kelly

Joseph O'Donnell
Dawn Oesch
Jen Rathner
Jonathan Whitton

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Matti Bowen
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Delia Halpern-Graser
Melissa Hill
Sarah Jackson
Kacie Kirkpatrick
Daniel Levine
Zach Padovani
Lyssabeth Pederson
Shira Rubenstein
Ross Snider

Co-Produced by Jeannette Zehr and Irma Zehr

Directed by Jonathan Whitton

This show is presented by special arrangement with
Dramatic Play Service, Inc.

Ensemble

(alphabetically by actor)

- Lydia Aimone**.....Tiffany Edwards, Marge Murray,
Catherine Connolly, Shadow
- Olivia Batker Pritzker**.....April Silva, Alison Sears, Trish Steger,
Murdock Cooper, Jedidiah's Mom
- Matti Bowen**.....Romaine Patterson, Stephen Mead Johnson,
Minister's Wife, Moises Kaufman
- Jacob Glover**.....Jedidiah Schultz, Greg Perotti,
Aaron McKinney, Dr. Cantaway
- Delia Halpern-Graser**.....Reggie Fluty, Philip Dubois,
Harry Woods, Sherry Aenonson
- Melissa Hill**.....Sherry Johnson, Zackie Salmon,
Barbara Pitts, Reverend Davis
- Sarah Jackson**.....Rebecca Hilliker, Amanda Gronich,
Doug Laws, Conrad Miller
- Kacie Kirkpatrick**.....Sergeant Hing, Rob Debree,
Aaron Kriefels, Father Roger
- Daniel Levine**.....Matt Galloway, Gil Engen,
Doc O'Connor Jeffrey Lockwood, John McAdams
- Zach Padovani**.....Jonas Slonaker, Matt Nichelson,
Anonymous, Bill McKinney
- Lyssabeth Pederson**.....Leigh Fondakowski, Kelli Simpkins,
Mormon Home Teacher, Kristen Price
- Shira Rubenstein**.....Mercedes Herrero, Eileen Engen,
Zubaida Ula, Reverend Fred Phelps
- Ross Snider**.....Rulon Stacey, Russell Henderson,
Jon Peacock, Baptist Minister, Phil LaBrie, Dennis Shepard

Production Staff

Director: *Jonathan Whitton*

Co-Producers: *Irma Zehr and Jeannette Zehr*

Set Painting: *Celia Bora, Sarah Crain, Rebecca Litts*

Lighting: *Rebecca Litts, Gracie Grabme Amodeo*

Lighting Design: *Garnet Cherry*

Sound: *Jonah Glover*

Publicity: *Larry Levine*

Program: *JJ Buechner, Shira Rubenstein*

Special Thanks:

Waldorf School of Saratoga Springs

Laurie Larson

Youth Squared

Jeremy Litts

Austin Zehr-Scibilia

Darlene Kelly

DIRECTOR'S NOTES:

"After all, not to create only, or found only

But to bring perhaps from afar what is already founded,

To give it our own identity, average, limitless, free."

-Walt Whitman

Who's Who in the Cast

Lydia Aimone goes to the Waldorf School and likes acting, singing, and riding her horse. This is her first production with Channel Z. She plans to pursue a career in performing arts. She lives in Galway with her family.

Olivia Batker Pritzker is 16 years old and attends Saratoga High. This is her third Channel Z play. Olivia previously appeared in TWO GENTLEMEN OF VERONA and ZOMBIE PROM. She is very excited about the Laramie Project and hopes you enjoy the show.

Matti Bowen lives in Schuylerville and attends the Adirondack School of Northeastern New York. In addition to acting she enjoys singing, kayaking, and writing. This is her second play with Channel Z. She first acted with the company in the production of RUNAWAYS last fall.

Jacob Glover is a freshman at Saratoga High School. Jacob is on the junior varsity wrestling team, and ran on the cross country team in the fall. Jake is also training in Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu. He likes writing and reading. This is his second show with Channel Z, having also starred as a locker room wall in ZOMBIE PROM "This is a very different type of roll for me," he says.

Delia Halpern-Graser is 15 years old and home schooled. She appeared in the ensemble in ZOMBIE PROM and has been unwittingly acting in her brother's movies since she was a toddler.

Melissa Hill is 14 years old and is a freshman at Saratoga Springs High School. This is her 3rd production with Channel Z and she hopes to appear in many more. She hopes you all enjoy the show!

Sarah Jackson is a student at the Waldorf School of Saratoga and is in her sophomore year. She is extremely excited to be doing her first show with Channel Z (apart from helping with lights and sound in TWO GENTLEMEN OF VERONA). Past plays include FIDDLER ON THE ROOF, SEUSSICAL: THE MUSICAL, and JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT (all at the RPI Young Actor's Guild).

Kacie Kirkpatrick is delighted to be a member of the cast of THE LARAMIE PROJECT She began performing in the fifth grade with the St. Clement's Drama Club and is currently a member of the New Visions Theatre Arts Company. Recent projects include STEEL MAGNOLIAS, SWITCHING PRINCIPALS, and BEAUTY AND THE BEAST. Kacie will be attending Pace University in the fall as a theatre major. She would like to thank Jonathan, Jeannette, and Irma for this experience.

Daniel Levine is a junior at Saratoga Springs High School. This is his 8th Channel Z Production. He is a semi-professional stand-up comedian and has performed at Caffe Lena, The Saratoga Comedy Club, and the Troy Comedy Playhouse. He is the producer and a member of the Crusty White Boys and is featured in their two CDs, *Straight Outta Compton's* and *Pimpalicious*. He is also the co-creator of Pineapple Man, and sole creator responsible for Vox Pop Comics, which are available at Spa City Comics near the register. He can currently be heard on WSPN's The I Don't Know Show, Thursdays 3-5pm 91.1 FM, and is producing a sketch-pilot with co-writer Ross Snider.

Zach Padovani has been with Channel Z for several years and taken part in a number of shows and acting classes. His interests include philosophy, science, and literature. He is the founder and leader of a Science Philosophy Club at his school. He also co-hosts a Skidmore College radio show with Daniel Levine and Ross Snider on Thursdays from 3-5pm. He hopes you enjoy the show!

Lyssabeth Pederson is 16 years old and is a sophomore at the Waldorf School of Saratoga Springs. This is her 3rd show with Channel Z productions. She has previously been in DEARLY DEPARTED and ZOMBIE PROM. She enjoys theater and is excited to perform in THE LARAMIE PROJECT.

Shira Rubenstein has been called "the coolest person alive" and is fluent in Pig Latin.

Ross Snider has been exposed to all extremes of creativity as the ringleader of a two-time world champion Odyssey of the Mind team. He is now a computer programmer (visit his website at www.freewebs.com/binary_sphere/) of a high caliber, a broadsworder and fencer, actor, singer, and person among the best. He is a member of the local rap group The Crusty White Boys with Dan Levine and Zach Padovani.

Jonathan Whitton (Director) returns to **THE LARAMIE PROJECT** after having directed the US Collegiate Premiere in 2001. He has also directed productions of **SOMETHING'S AFOOT**, **HELLO AGAIN** (Southeast Premiere), **PHAEDRA'S LOVE** (East Coast Premiere), **HOOK & EYE** (World Premiere), and **HEDWIG AND THE ANGRY INCH** (Vermont and Montreal Premieres). His production of **A MAN OF NO IMPORTANCE** is currently running at Home Made Theater, where he is also directing their Youth Conservatory production of **INTO THE WOODS, JR.** www.jonwhitton.com

We are proud to announce our exciting
CHANNEL Z PRODUCTIONS
2006/2007 Season

May 2006 – **THE LARAMIE PROJECT** by Moises Kaufman,
featuring the Young Adult Ensemble

August 2006 – **NUNSENSATIONS** by Dan Goggins
A Regional Premiere
will be performed at the Saratoga Springs City Center

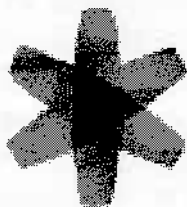
September 2006 – **THE LAST FIVE YEARS** by Jason Robert Brown

January 2007 – **PLAY or MUSICAL**
featuring the Young Adult Ensemble – title to be announced

March 2007 – **THE HEIDI CHRONICLES** by Wendy Wasserstein

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