



ENSEMBLE ON THE AVENUE

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ACTING ENSEMBLE AND THE HISTORY MUSEUM PARTNER TO PRESENT WORLD PREMIERE OF HISTORICAL PLAY

Mishawaka, IN—The Acting Ensemble, in partnership with The History Museum, has been funded by the Indiana Historical Society and the Community Foundation of St. Joseph County to develop and produce *Kluckers: Indiana and the 1920's Ku Klux Klan*. Performances are at the Acting Ensemble, 602 E. Mishawaka Avenue, on May 19, 20, and 21 at 7:30pm and on May 22 at 2:00 pm, and at The History Museum, 808 W. Washington Street, South Bend on June 3 and 4 at 7:30pm. The show will continue to tour the region through September.

Conceived, written, and directed by James Geisel, *Kluckers* tells the story of Boyd Gurley, Editor of the Indianapolis Times during the 1920's and is performed by Tiemen Godwalt. Mr. Gurley, originally an Editor in the local paper in South Bend, wrote a series of editorials which resulted in the Indianapolis Times receiving a Pulitzer Prize in 1928. Under his leadership the newspaper exposed the corruption and political influence of the Ku Klux Klan leading to the decline of the KKK in the state and nationally. In the absence of the courage and perseverance of Boyd Gurley and the Indianapolis Times the power of the Klan may have continued well beyond when it did.

The play mirrors the Living Newspaper techniques of the Works Progress Administration when plays were used to inform groups about current events. A lobby display will travel with the play. Following each production, the audience will be led in discussion about the role of the news media, parallels in today's world, and what we can do as individual citizens. The project is supported by the Community Foundation of St. Joseph County and the Indiana Historical Society, made possible by the Lilly Endowment.

Tickets are \$15 per person and are available online or at the door. Seating is limited; Advance tickets are recommended.

For more information or to reserve a seat, visit www.actingensemble.com, email info@actingensemble.com or leave a message at 574-217-8873.

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