

Fall '97

The Gunn Theatre Department Proudly Presents

THE RIMERS OF ELDRITCH

by Lanford Wilson



8:00 PM in the Gunn Studies Theatre

November 14, 15, 20, 21, 22

Special Opening Night - November 13th

The Runners of Eldritch is straight out of the experimental theatre movement of the mid-sixties. Playwright Canford Wilson, who began his career with off-off-Broadway houses such as Caffe Cino and Cafe La Mama, wrote "Runners" in 1966, and it soon moved from Ca Mama to the relatively upscale off-Broadway venue of the Cherry Lane Theatre in Greenwich Village. He later moved on to co-found the off-Broadway Circle Repertory Company and write often-produced American plays such as "The Hot l Baltimore" (1973), "Fifth of July" (1978), "Talley's Folly" (1979), and "Redwood Curtain" (1993).

A seminal work of Wilson's, this play takes place in Eldritch, a small bible-belt town in an advanced state of spiritual and physical decay. Playing relentlessly with time and place, Wilson blends themes of small town gossip, escapist dreams, hypocrisy and violence together to forge a world of secrets, complacency, and misperceptions.

Wilson's vision is bleak and sometimes horrifying, yet it is also a celebration of theatricality. When a group of actors and a passion can engage the imagination and creative energy of a room full of people in a sneaky little conspiracy called theatre, all bets are off, and literally anything can happen. Eldritch itself may not be a destination resort, but we sincerely hope you enjoy colluding with us on the journey there.

Jim Shelly

The Rimers of Eldritch

Production Staff

Directed by	Jim Shelby
Student Director	Nat Pickering
Stage Manager	Cynne Ells
Set Design	Alexis Hanawalt
Light Design	Jeremy Katz
Sound Design	Dan Fisher
Costume Design	Becca Krass
	Penelope Van Tuyl

Unseen Residents of Eldritch

Blackie.....	Lena's Dog
Glenna Ann.....	Skelly's former lover
Cora's ex-husband.....	a drifter
Chuck Melton.....	Patsy's boyfriend in Centerville
Old Man Relly.....	Glenna Ann's Father
Driver Conklin.....	Robert's deceased older brother
Betty Atkins.....	Driver's girlfriend
The Stutses.....	the family next door
Duane.....	works for Nelly in the mill

Cast (In order of appearance)

Wilma Atkins.....	Java King
<i>Martha's friend</i>	
Martha Trutt.....	Erin Jacklin
<i>Cena's mother</i>	
Nelly Windrod.....	Cizzie Clisha
<i>Mary's daughter</i>	
Judge and Preacher.....	Zack Tyson
<i>Eldritch's minister of church and state</i>	
Mary Windrod.....	Clare McCabe
<i>Eldritch's oldest citizen</i>	
Robert Conklin.....	Aleks Merillo
<i>A young man</i>	
Trucker.....	Brett Greving
<i>A drifter</i>	
Cora Groves.....	Anya Collier
<i>Owner of the Hilltop Cafe</i>	
Walter.....	Nicholas Junkerman
<i>Cora's lover</i>	
Eva Jackson.....	Lindsey Selden
<i>A fourteen year-old victim of polio</i>	
Peck Johnson.....	Rob Walsh
<i>Patsy's father</i>	
Evelyn Jackson.....	Penelope Van Tuyl
<i>Eva's mother</i>	
Mavis Johnson.....	Annette Georgla
<i>Patsy's mother</i>	
Josh Johnson.....	Andy Hentz
<i>Patsy's older brother</i>	
Patsy Johnson.....	Andy Goldblatt
<i>A high school student</i>	
Cena Trutt.....	Becca Ballon
<i>Patsy's girlfriend</i>	
Skelly Manor.....	Alexis Hanawalt
<i>Eldritch's hermit</i>	

Crew

Assistant Stage Manager

Caura Ellts

Lighting

Board Operator

Jeff Green

Master Electrician

Cymne Ellts

Crew

Dan Fisher

Jeff Green

Caura Ellts

Sound

Board Operator

Dan Fisher

Crew

Jeff Green

Construction Laborers/ Set Dressers

Master carpenter

Jeremy Katz

Assistant Master Carpenter

Mike Nagy

Crew

Alexis Hanawalt

Kara Bltzt

Andy Hentz

Becca Bltzt

Lisa Hanawalt

Peter Haptas

Rebecca Hinden

Silja James

Negar Nasooht

Emily Rasmussen

Daniel Moberly

Mara Weiner-

Macarlo

Aleks Merllo

Sarah Drasner

Zhy-Shtm Huang

Anya Collier

Masha Helfetz

Elena Veresh

Sarah Drasner

Kara Bltzt

Inna Kupershmidt

J. Michael Blehler

Anne Chuck

J. Thomas Katz

Make-up and Hair

Publicity and Poster

House Managers

Program

Special Thanks

Elia Van Tuyl

Plazza's

The Georglas' trash heap

Francis Hamada (FX House)

The Palo Alto Daily News

Scott McGuffey

Tim Farrell

Susie Brown, Our Theatre Fairy Godmother

The Gunn Theatre Booster Parents,

whose ceaseless efforts made the

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