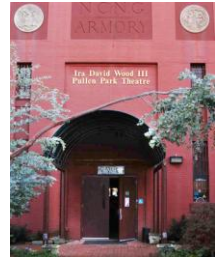


Theatre In The Park

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Bringing a Bit of "Gone With The Wind" from Screen to Stage

Theatre In The Park Presents Don't Cry For Me Margaret Mitchell, February 12 - 21

Raleigh, N.C., February 1, 2010 – On February 29, 1940, seventy years ago, "Gone With The Wind" won an unprecedented ten Academy Awards including Best Picture. In celebration of this historic film, Theatre In The Park, brings a bit of "Gone With The Wind" to the stage here in Raleigh.

Don't Cry For Me, Margaret Mitchell by Duke Ernsberger & Virginia Cate, is a hilarious, historically based, behind-the-scenes look into what might have happened during the screenwriting process of "Gone with the Wind." In early, 1939, moviemaker David O. Selznick stopped filming on his masterpiece. He'd just fired the first director and hired Victor Fleming to take over when he came to the conclusion that something had to be done with the script. His solution was to convince screenwriter Ben Hecht and Victor Fleming to work with him on rewriting the script in seven short days. To make this script rewrite even more challenging, Hecht had never even read Margaret Mitchell's 1936 novel.

"It occurred to me that there was more than a generous amount of serious theatre fare being produced on our area stages. In my opinion, there's always room for more comedy - even though comedies are actually harder to do than tragedies", said Ira David Wood III, Executive Director, Theatre In The Park.

Don't Cry For Me, Margaret Mitchell directed by Ira David Wood III, features Joel T. Horton as David O. Selznick, Larry Evans as Ben Hecht, Timothy Corbett as Victor Fleming and Donna Rossi-Youngblood as Ms. Peabody.

Performance Times & Dates:

February 12, 13 & 18-20 @ 8pm and February 14, 20 & 21 @ 3pm

Venue: Ira David Wood III Pullen Park Theatre at Theatre In The Park, 107 Pullen Road, Raleigh.

Tickets: \$13-21. Call the theatre's box office, M-F, 9am-5pm, 919-831-6058 or visit www.theatreinthepark.com

Student Preview Performance: (*student/faculty id required*)

February 11 @ 8pm

Call the theatre's box office for tickets to this performance, \$10/person.

****NOTE:** Please be advised there will be NO late seating for this production. Please arrive at the theatre early. This production will incorporate the use of strobe lights.

****ALERGY NOTICE:** Peanuts and bananas are used throughout the production as stage props.

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About Theatre In The Park Theatre In The Park, currently celebrating its 62nd season, is located in the northern end of Raleigh's scenic Pullen Park adjacent to North Carolina State University. The theatre is acclaimed for its many outstanding theatrical achievements. Each season Theatre In The Park presents an exceptional series of productions including the very best in comedy, original musicals, Shakespeare, and contemporary drama. Theatre In The Park is North Carolina's largest non-profit performing Arts organizations and is second in the region only to the celebrated Actor's Theatre of Louisville in original works premiered. Theatre In The Park truly offers something for everyone.

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