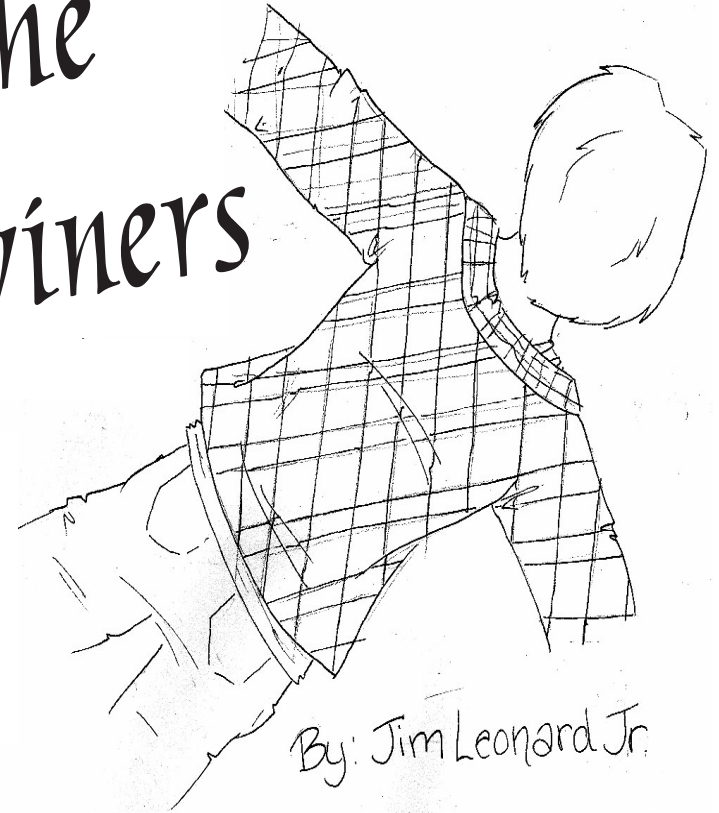


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DUCHESNE PIONEER PLAYERS

## The Diviners



By: Jim Leonard Jr.

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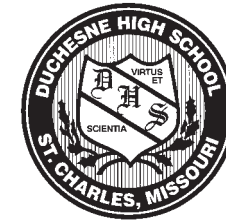
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A Play in Two Acts and Elegies

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## *Costume Crew*

**Jen Steiner (Chair)**  
Danielle Behrens  
Geena Andrews  
Chelsea O'Brien  
Shannon Lampkin\*  
Megan Stein  
Angie Mitchell  
Beth Wickenhauser  
Zach McCormack  
Emily Beck  
Bob Schmidt  
Suzanne Deken\*

## *House Crew*

**Matt Suthoff (Chair)**  
Stephanie Terry\*  
Cameron Ritter\*  
Eric Sack\*  
Emily Beck  
Luke Maresca\*  
Kathryn Steimel\*

## *Make-up Crew*

**Kristen Smith (Chair)**  
Kelly Krieger  
Carrie Baumann  
Katie Lampkin\*  
Jessica Dell  
Jackie Boschert  
Allison Stuhler  
Ashley Karraker  
Beth Wickenhauser  
Suzanne Deken\*  
Madeline Carter  
Megan Kleevkorn\*

## *Prop Crew*

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Megan McCoy  
Julie Hammond  
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Melissa Hill  
Laura Reilly

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**Sam Kheim (Co-Chair)\***  
**Jacqui Sage (Co-Chair)\***  
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Lauren Grotegeers  
Geena Andrews  
Christina Andrews  
Nicole Finkes  
Danielle Fuchs  
Kim Williams  
Katie Hill\*  
Suzanne Deken\*

## *Scenery Crew*

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Eric Wynen  
Anna Preis  
Erin Miller  
Lauren Grotegeers  
Mary Rudy  
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Sam Kheim\*  
Jacqui Sage\*  
Taylor Colvin  
Luke Meiderhoff  
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Ryan Eversole  
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Suzanne Deken\*  
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Shannon Lampkin\*  
Zach McCormack  
Dan Heth  
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Jon Jones  
Jenny Jones

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Stephanie Terry\*  
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Erin Lundergan  
Emma Figueroa  
Mary Cate Gath  
Matt Russell  
Nick Thurmer

\* Thespian Troupe #5003 members

## Director's Note

In a small farm community during the depression, water and faith are in short supply. A charismatic but back-sliding preacher drifts into town and meets a gentle but misunderstood boy with the gift of divining or water-witching. The two outcasts find a common bond and help each other divine for truth, faith and hope. The townspeople, however, demand the preacher return to a way of life he no longer believes in and it drives both men to a crisis of trust. The characters are simple but good people searching for hope and something to believe in.

In a true community, the joys and pains of the individual are shared and shouldered by all, and it is this sense of community that binds these people together, allowing them to persevere with determination, hope and good humor. Possessed of a great respect for the land and those they share it with, the people of Zion still believe in common courtesy, and the value of a handshake. The playwright, Jim Leonard Jr., said it best, "These are good and simple people, and they have nothing but the best of intentions."

Our set design for this play is fairly simple and for good reason. This is a play about the characters and the events that mold their lives, rather than a specific setting. We ask that you use your imaginations to envision farmlands, homes, businesses, and riverbanks of Zion, Indiana where our story will take place.

The ending of the play is intentionally ambiguous. It asks the audience to decide for themselves as to what exactly happened on that tragic morning down by the river. Whose fault was it? Or was it really anyone's fault...was it more of a dealing of fate? No clear answers are given, but one thing is for sure. The people of Zion will forever be changed and affected.



### *Katie Hill as Luella Bennett*

This is sophomore Katie Hill's third acting part in Duchesne plays. Katie would like to thank her mother, father and stepmother, and her sister for their support and Mrs. M and the AMAZING cast who have made this experience unforgettable.



### *Eric Sack as Melvin Wilder*

Having performed in four other plays (and one one-act) at Duchesne, this is senior Eric Sack's largest role yet. "I wouldn't go so far as to say this is my greatest role," Sack replied. "That title is reserved for young man #1 in *Les Miserables*." Still, Eric was rather pleased with himself. "When I went in to audition, I didn't even think there was a snowball's chance in an oven that I would receive a part." He would like to thank his mother and the cast.



### *Adam Speak as Dewey Maples*

Adam Speak is now a sophomore and very excited to be a significant part of a production at Duchesne. Although he's never been on stage before, Adam has had extended experience behind the scenes during all the productions last year and looks forward to a bright future on stage. Adam's a member of the Speech and Drama club, Thespian Troupe #5003, and most important, Improv Troupe. Adam would like to thank all of his friends for all the support, the cast, all of the people who helped make this play possible, especially Mrs. Morgan and the audience for coming to all the shows.



### ***Bridget Rothermich as Norma Henshaw***

Senior Bridget Rothermich has participated in the past nine performances. Most recently, she has been in *My Fair Lady*. She currently is playing the part of Norma, the 'holy roller' of the group. Bridget is very pleased to have this role and would like to thank Mrs. Morgan for giving her this chance and always believing in her, Mrs. White, and most of all, her parents for helping her throughout the play.



### ***Kim Baker as Darlene Henshaw***

Kim is excited to be appearing in her first speaking role in a Duchesne production. As a sophomore, Kim is a member of Student Council, Choir, Speech and Drama Club, Thespian Troupe #5003 and JV tennis. Kim also was a member of the chorus in last year's musical, *My Fair Lady*. Kim would like to thank Mrs. Morgan for helping her develop as an actress. She would also like to thank her family for understanding why she is never home.



### ***Emily Horsford as Goldie Short***

Senior Emily Horsford has acted in five of the seven fall and spring plays that have been performed at Duchesne over the past four years. *The Diviners* is definitely one of her favorites because of the amazing cast. She wants to thank Mrs. Morgan, her family, and friends. She plans to attend University of Missouri-Columbia next year and hopes to major in Journalism.



### ***Andrew Ritter as Basil Bennett***

Andrew Ritter is playing the part of Basil, the aged farmer, in Duchesne's production of *The Diviners*. Andrew has had a part in six Duchesne productions including last year's *Arsenic and Old Lace*, *My Fair Lady* and *Rebel Without a Cause*. As a senior, Andrew is planning to attend college at the University of Southern California's school of film. As this is his last year, Andrew hopes to make this fall play his best. Andrew thanks his parents and Stephanie for their support.

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# ***The Diviners***

## ***Cast***

(in order of appearance)

- Buddy (an idiot boy\*) . . . . .Ethan Steimel
- Jennie Mae Layman (his sister) . . . . .Kathleen Beck
- Ferris Layman (their father, a mechanic) . . . . .Devin Strickland
- C.C. Showers (a backsliding preacher) . . . . .Alex Ewing
- Norma Henshaw (owner of the Hoosier Dry-Goods, a true believer)  
 . . . . .Bridget Rothermich
- Darlene Henshaw (her niece) . . . . .Kim Baker
- Goldie Short (owner of the Dine-Away Cafe') . . . .Emily Horsford
- Basil Bennett (a farmer, the local doctor of sorts) . . .Andrew Ritter
- Luella Bennett (his wife, a doubter) . . . . .Katie Hill
- Melvin Wilder (a farmhand) . . . . .Eric Sack
- Dewey Maples (a young farmhand) . . . . .Adam Speak

\* During the time of this play, mentally challenged people were not diagnosed properly and were labeled with such an inappropriate name.

# Production Staff

Director .....Mrs. Sharon Morgan  
 Set Constructor .....Mr. Jim Boyd  
 Technical Director .....Fr. Jim Gahan  
 Costume Director .....Mrs. Glennis Ziegler  
 Assistant Director .....Katie McCormick  
 Assistant Director .....Stephanie Heth

# Acknowledgements

Mr. Terry Gravemann, Administrator  
 Fr. Ken Brown, Principal  
 Mr. Kurt Clodius, Dean of Students

# Thank You

Mrs. Horsford  
 Mrs. Baker  
 Mrs. Ewing  
 Pets Plus Watergarden on First Capitol

# The Cast



## *Ethan Steimel as Buddy*

Senior Ethan Steimel is performing in his ninth Duchesne production. Over the summer Ethan performed as the scarecrow in the Shooting Star's production of the Wizard of Oz and the Much Ado Circus' production of Romeo and Juliet in New Town, St. Charles. Ethan would like to thank his family, friends and Mrs. Morgan.



## *Kathleen Beck as Jennie Mae Layman*

Senior Kathleen Beck is portraying the part of Jennie Mae. She is proud to be part of such a wonderful cast. She has been in every drama since her freshman year, and she is co-captain of the Duchesne Danceline this year. Kathleen has been acting since the age of seven, and she is grateful for the opportunity to act in such a great play. She would like to thank the entire cast, her family and Mrs. Morgan.



## *Devin Strickland as Ferris Layman*

This is Devin Strickland's third drama production and his sixth production here at Duchesne. You may remember him in previous roles, including Cornelius Hackle in *Hello Dolly*, Mr. Stark in *Rebel Without a Cause*, and the lead in *My Fair Lady*, Henry Higgins. Devin has been a part of Speech and Drama Club and the Royal Impressions for three years. He has also been a member of District Choir for three years and was a member of All-State Choir last year. Devin is thrilled to play the part of Ferris Layman. Between the great cast, the wonderful script and the AMAZING Mrs. Morgan, this has become one of the best productions Devin has been honored to be a part of.



## *Alex Ewing as C.C. Showers*

Alex Ewing, a Duchesne sophomore, is making his starring debut as C.C. Showers in the 2005 fall drama, *The Diviners*. Previously, Alex performed as Mr. Gibbs in *Arsenic and Old Lace*, a chorus member in *My Fair Lady*, and a chorus member in *The Wizard of Oz* (a Shooting Star Production). Alex also is a member of the Key Club, Concert Choir, Improv Troupe and the Speech and Drama Club. He enjoys such pastimes as "doing lines" and playing pool. He would also like to thank Mrs. Morgan for her ongoing support and advice in the creation of his character.

