

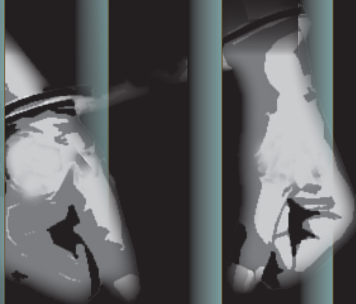
Produced by special arrangement with Dead Man Walking School Theatre Project

HESSTON COLLEGE THEATRE DEPARTMENT PRESENTS

DEAD MAN WALKING

By Tim Robbins

Directed by Laura Kraybill



Oct. 1, 2, 7, 8 and 9, 2010
at 7:30 p.m.

Northlawn Studio Theater on the Hesston College campus

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Director's Note:

Dead Man Walking School Theatre Project integrates the power of theatre arts and academic study into the national discourse on the death penalty to replace ignorance, apathy and cynicism among young people regarding the death penalty with information, introspection and inspiration.

These words from the Dead Man Walking School Theatre Project sum up the purpose of this production. The death penalty is not a one-sided debate, and this play evocatively portrays both sides. Clearly, the message of this play has struck a nerve across the nation as more than 186 schools have chosen to perform "Dead Man Walking" since 2004 and have integrated death penalty issues into their coursework. Hesston College students have joined the debate this semester through curriculum in arts, theatre and literature. We are in a time when debate is necessary. Kansas legislators are currently deciding whether to continue the use of the death penalty, and only a few weeks ago someone was executed on death row in Virginia.

Hesston College is pleased to partner with the Dead Man Walking School Theatre Project and the Kansas Coalition Against the Death Penalty to lead talk-back sessions and provide death penalty information before and after each performance. In the midst of controversy, I am inspired by the conversations that have sprung up around campus. I hope you are able to add your voice to the debate through our post-show conversation.

Act I

Scenes take place in various locations within the prison, in homes of the victims' families, and include scenes in the community center where Sister Prejean lives and works.

Act II

Most scenes are in the death house where the executions take place.

A 15-minute intermission will take place between Acts I and II.

There will be a talk-back session immediately following the show.

*Please turn off all cell phones (including texting) and pagers,
and refrain from using cameras.*

Cast

Sr. Helen Prejean	Alanah Rempel
Sr. Marie Augusta Neal/Slade/Lucille/Hilton	Rachel Brown
Herbie	Dawson Waltner
Luis Montoya/Woman #3/Doctor	Stefanie Ruhs
Matt Poncelet	Robert Howell
Guard #1/Reporter #3	Isaac Tice
Female Guard/Mother/Woman #1/Sr. Colleen	Chelsey Swenson
Chaplain Farley	Jim Yoder
Reporter #1/Mrs. Delacroix	Evette Yoder
Reporter #2/Walter Delacroix/Man #1/	
Polygraph Operator	Clayton Bontrager
Gilardi/Guard Trapp/Jim	Nik Krahn
Clyde Percy/Man #3/Sgt. Beliveau	Justin Greger
Marybeth Percy	Dulaney Arzola
Earl Delacroix	Kaleb Westmoland
Hope Percy/Emily Percy/	
Governor Fredericks/Mirabeau	Kaitlyn Miller
Reporter/Woman #2/Warden Hartman	Libby Waltner
Man #2/Mitch	Gavin Thorenson
Nurse	Lizzy Bryant
Troy	Jordan Roth

Production Crew

Technical Director/Set Designer	Doug Peters
Stage Manager/Lighting Board Operator	Ben Holland
Poster and Program Design	Nancy Miller
Costume Designer	Saralyn Mast
Assistant Costume Designer	Breanna Turpin
Props Master	Jovan Salinas
Make-up Artist	Libby Waltner
Sound Board Operator	Curtis Denlinger
Screen Designer	Isaac Tice
Back Stage Assistant	Kristen Basden
Running Crew	Samantha Hines
	Mariah Estep
	Zach Meyer

Thank you to the following individuals for leading talk-backs and/or participating in Hesston College's First-Year Seminar:

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Steven Crimaldi, Dead Man Walking School Theatre Project, Director

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Richard Ney, Federal Death Penalty Resource Counsel

Donna Schneweis, KCADP Coordinator and Kansas State Death Penalty Coordinator for Amnesty International

Kristi Smith, KCADP Board and Murder Victims Families for Reconciliation of Kansas, Member

Jeff Wicks, Defense Attorney for the Kansas Death Penalty Defense Unit and KCADP Board

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