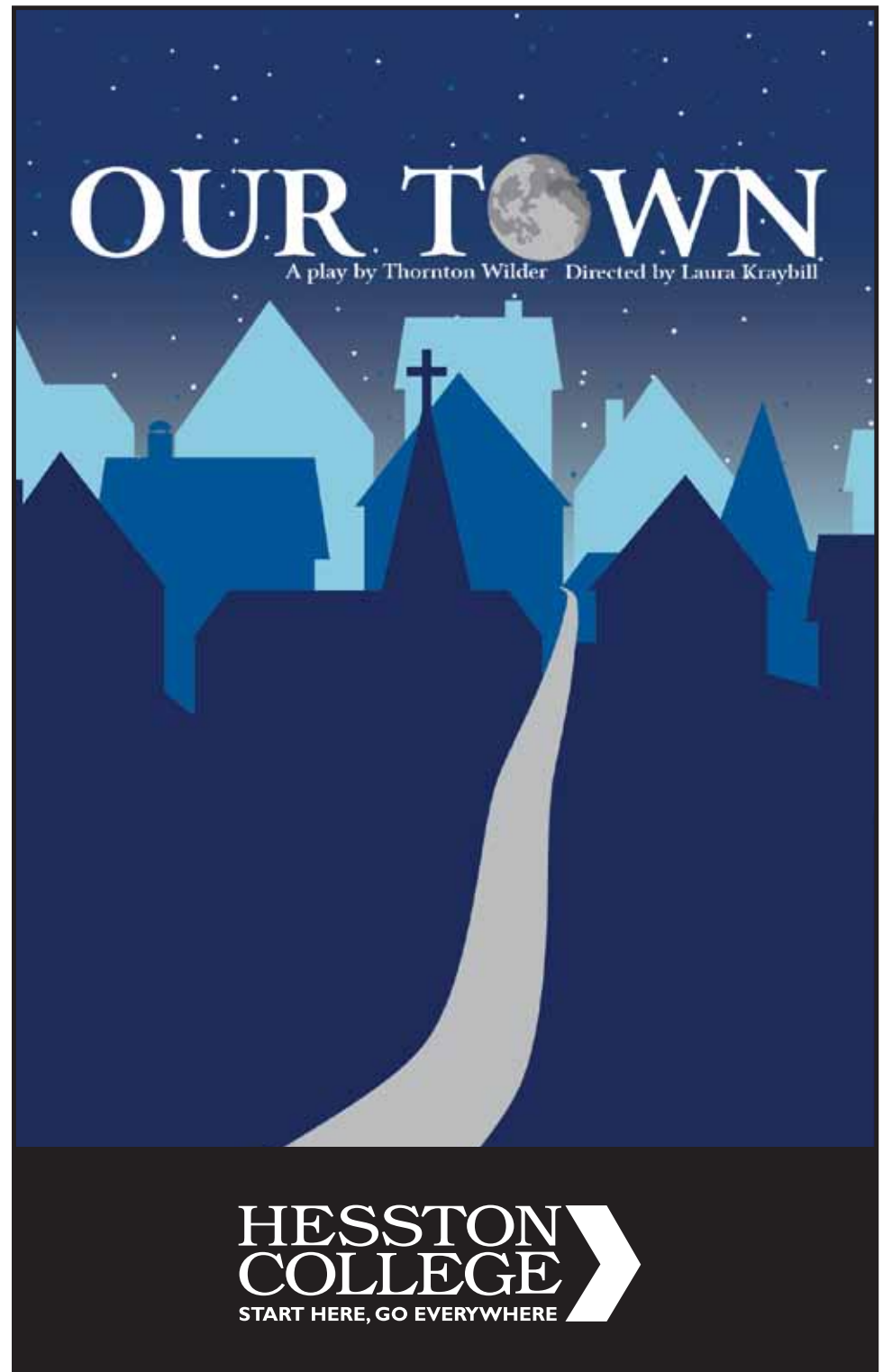



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OUR TOWN
A play by Thornton Wilder Directed by Laura Kraybill

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HESSTON COLLEGE THEATRE

DIRECTOR'S NOTE

"Blessed Be the Tie that Binds." The words and music of this familiar hymn echo the message of *Our Town*. As the refrain cycles throughout the play, we are reminded of the sacred threads woven into life. We observe bonds between family, neighbors, and spouses through seasons of birth, love and loss. The final act portrays death not as a breaking of bonds, but a transformation. In whatever season of life we find ourselves, we are invited to pay attention to what matters most. Emily laments in the final act: "Do any human beings ever realize life while they live it? -every, every minute?" May her words summon us to realize the gift of life and community while we are here.

- Laura Kraybill

Please turn off all cell phones. No flash photography permitted. This play produced by special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc.

There will be two intermissions. The first will be eight minutes and the second will be 12 minutes.

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OUR TOWN

CAST

Stage Manager	Howard Keim
Dr. Gibbs	Mitch Stutzman
Mrs. Gibbs	Eleya Raim
George Gibbs	Micah Raber
Rebecca Gibbs	Maggie Carlson/Erin Peters
Mr. Webb	Clayton Gladish
Mrs. Webb	Abbie DeWild
Emily Webb	Emma Roth
Wendy Webb	Carley Bartell
Joe Crowell	Carter Funk
Sally Crowell	Kierra Funk
Hallie Newsome/Josephine Stoddard	Erika Byler
Professor Willard/Constable Warren	Jim Yoder
Lady in Box/Mrs. Carter	Raelee Hightower
Mrs. Soames	Melissa Carlson
Sarah Stimson	Rachel Jantzi
Sam Craig/Man in Auditorium/ Baseball Player	Zachary Baldauf
Mrs. McCarthy	Margaret Wiebe
Woman in Balcony	Heidi Hochstetler
Choir members: Erin Peters, Carter Funk, Kierra Funk, Rachel Teeter, Maggie Carlson, Carley Bartell	

CREW

Technical Director	Bernie Barge
Lead Carpenter	Ivan White
Stage Manager	Kristy Clouse
Set Designer	Ethan Koerner
Light Designer	Doug Peters
Costume/Hair/Make-up Designer	Rachel Jantzi
Light Board Operator	Charissa Graham
Stage/Sound Crew: Bekah Deaton, Miho Shinyama, Sarah Beachy, Heidi Hochstetler, Mitch Stutzman	
Musicians: Isaac Dahl, Ken Rodgers, Rebecca Schloneger, Havela Lehman	
Dramaturgy Display	Bekah Deaton
Photographer	Larry Bartel