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SOTA presents *Rainmaker*

Penn State Hazleton's Society of the Arts will present *The Rainmaker*, by N. Richard Nash, March 21 through 23 at 8:00 pm and March 24 at 2:00 pm in the campus Commons.

One of America's most loved romantic comedies, *The Rainmaker* tells the story of a traveling con artist who promises to bring rain to a drought-ravaged western ranch, but ends up transforming a young woman's romantic dreams into reality.

The cast includes Lisa Batchelor as Lizzie Curry, Whitman Stansbery as her father, H.C. Curry, and Michael Jesky and Mark Roseberry as her brothers Noah and Jimmy. Kevin Gray plays Starbuck, the con man. Lizzie's suitor, File, is played by Mike Morrell and Marshall Hofritz plays Sheriff Thomas.

The production is directed by Vince Landro, who describes the play as "one of those wonderful

American romances we still believe in because it tells a story of hope and faith in the beauty of everyday reality."

Landro, a native of Hazleton, has acted, directed, and taught in theatre for many years. A graduate of Penn State, he holds an M.F.A. degree in Directing from the University of Texas and an M.A. in Arts Management from Indiana University. Last spring he directed *The Lion in Winter* at Highacres.

A special feature of the production is the "arena" staging. Rather than the usual proscenium style, in which the audience sits facing a raised stage, the arena audience will surround the playing area on three sides and be

much closer to the action.

Tickets for the production are available at the door or by telephone reservation at 450-3134 or 450-3131, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 3-6 pm. Seating is limited so reserve your tickets today!

Len Roberts, poet, to visit

Poet Len Roberts will present readings at a program on Wednesday, March 20 at 7:30 pm in room K-1 of the Kostos Classroom Building.

Mr. Roberts has published a number of books of poetry including "Sweet Ones" published by Milkweed Editions and winner of the Great Lakes and Prairies Award.

His works have also appeared in many journals.

The public is invited to attend free of charge.

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