

FROM NEW YORK

RADIO THEATRE

AVAILABLE PRODUCTIONS

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MEET JOHN DOE - 5 Classic 1941 CHRISTMAS movie (Gary Cooper/Barbara Stanwyck) http://www.archive.org/details/meet_john_doe This powerful, emotional story echoes a great deal of what is going on in current day America. The country is in political and financial crisis. A newspaper gal cooks up a scheme to get headlines...an anonymous John Doe letter to press that says he's fed up with politicians, etc and will jump off a building on Christmas Eve in NYC unless something is done. The article catches fire with public...soon there are John Doe clubs across America. Everyone is fed up with the government, etc. Well, now, the newspaper needs a real John Doe, so they find a poor sap who is a regular guy and offer him fame and fortune, but, he just wants to play baseball. They put him on radio, just speaking his mind, which is scripted by the news gal. He tells the public that they don't need Washington, they can do things themselves.....and he becomes a national sensation. Now, the rich oil barons want in on this...they plot how they can use John Doe to take over American politics. A third party is formed...the John Doe Party and millions are joining, holding rallies in stadiums. BUT, when John Doe finally finds out what is behind it all...he reneges on the deal. The oil barons threaten him...using the press to turn people against him. The only way he can regain the people's trust in themselves is to fulfill the original promise...and jump from the building on Christmas Eve. Of course, during all this...the newspaper gal has fallen in love with him, too. (Made by the great Frank Capra, the same Director of It's A Wonderful Life. For various reasons, both films fell out of copyright years ago. Both films have already been made into other stage shows and musicals)

THE RED BADGE OF COURAGE - 5 The classic Stephen Crane novel about a young boy who goes off to battle during the War Between The States. Facing death, courage, cowardice, he becomes a man on the battlefield of Antietam which still holds the record for most casualties in American history. Lots of exciting sound design, as Radiotheatre puts you there in the midst of it all. I've left out a great deal of historical details and adapted it so that the story seems most relevant for our current wartime situation. This year just kicked off the 150 yrs commemoration of the Civil War and there are lots of festivities out there celebrating...already, I've heard of two NYC groups touring America with Civil War shows.

NAM - 5 Before a backdrop of a giant American flag...ex-soldiers present their letters home from the battlefield in the jungles of Vietnam. All opinions and sides are given. Again, I've created this to be as relevant today in war time America as it was then...but, the fact is, 50,000 soldiers died in five years in Vietnam... compared to 5500 in 8 years in Iraq. The "older" generation who make up most of the audiences out there today are no longer the WW2 crowd....they are those who well remember this time, as well as, the children of those who fought in it. Not only is it a forgotten war that must be remembered, but, also, America's reaction to it. Lots of sound design and dramatic music as Radiotheatre puts you in the midst of jungle warfare.

THE SPOON RIVER PROJECT - 5 Perhaps, the most famous collection of poetry in American literature by Edgar Lee Masters. However, it is Free Verse...so, these are not rhyming poems, but, unique scenes and testimonies by various souls who inhabit the cemetery in the nice little town of Spoon River. But, as one hears about the real lives and emotions of these ghosts...we learn that, even in a bucolic, picturesque, quiet town, there are tales of disgrace, murder, suicide, adultery, abandonment, unrequited love, etc. Spoon River has been adapted for stage many times by various companies and colleges through the years. But, this time, it is scored with a lush orchestral and country soundtrack. Also, for the first time...Radiotheatre incorporates a visual element as well....a video slide show as a backdrop consisting of vintage photographic portraits of the characters. Almost anyone can relate to this material...it is powerfully emotional.

LOVECRAFT - 2-4 A selection of tales from Radiotheatre's hit show in NYC based on the stories of America's 20th Century Master Of Horror, H.P. Lovecraft. A great influence on horror, sci-fi and fantasy writers around the world, Lovecraft's works have just gone into public domain and, although Hollywood has already adapted many of his works through the years, Radiotheatre is the first theatre company to bring forty of his stories to the stage in an ongoing series..

THE LADIES OF POE - 4 Six of the greatest tales about men going mad over women from the writer who knew all about such things...Edgar Allan Poe! Featuring Morella, Berenice, Ligeia, The Oval Portrait, The House Of Usher, Annabel Lee...