

# Press Release

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## LOVE IN THE DUST AT THE IVORYTON PLAYHOUSE

IVORYTON, CT: On October 29, the Ivoryton Playhouse will open the final show of their 2008 season. *The Rainmaker* by N. Richard Nash is a romantic comedy set in the plains of the American west during the Great Depression. The play first opened on Broadway in 1954 starring Geraldine Page and Darren McGavin. It was revived on Broadway in 1999-2000 starring [Woody Harrelson](#) and [Jayne Atkinson](#) who was nominated for the 2000 [Tony Award](#) for Best Actress in a Play. It was also made into a [hit 1956 film](#) starring [Burt Lancaster](#) and [Katharine Hepburn](#) and a [Broadway musical](#), [110 in the Shade](#).

Set in a drought-ridden rural town in the West in Depression era America, the play tells the story of a hot summer day in the life of spinster, Lizzie Curry. Lizzie keeps house for her father and two brothers on the family cattle ranch. As their farm languishes under the devastating drought, Lizzie's family worries as much about her marriage prospects as their dying cattle. The arrival of a charming confidence trickster named Starbuck, promising to bring rain in exchange for \$100, sets off a series of events that change Lizzie's life. A deceptively simple story about faith, reality, trust and transformation told with humor and humanity.

*The Rainmaker* is directed by Julia Kiley and stars Elizabeth Erwin\* as Lizzie and Colin Lane\* as Starbuck. The set is designed by Dan Nischan with a lighting design by Tate Burmeister and costumes by Pam Puente.

*The Rainmaker* opens on October 29 and runs thru November 16 for 3 weeks.

## The Ivoryton Playhouse

Performance times are Wednesday and Sunday matinees at 2pm. Evening performances are Wednesday and Thursday at 7:30pm, Friday and Saturday at 8pm. Tickets are \$35 for adults, \$30 for seniors, \$20 for students and \$15 for children and are available by calling the Playhouse box office at 860-767-7318 or by visiting our website at [www.ivorytonplayhouse.org](http://www.ivorytonplayhouse.org) .(Group rates are available by calling the box office for information.) The Playhouse is located at 103 Main Street in Ivoryton.

*Members of the press are welcome at any performance.*

*Please call ahead for tickets.*

*\*member of Actors Equity*

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