

NATIONAL PLAYERS' NEW PRODUCTION OF

Of Mice and Men

CAPTIVATES

The Centre for Performing and Visual Arts

February 16, 2012 at 7:00 pm

\$10 Adults • \$8 Students & Seniors (55 yrs. Old and up)

National Players' Tour 63 captivates The Centre for Performing and Visual Arts on February 16th at 7pm with its new production of John Steinbeck's, *Of Mice and Men*.

From the author of *The Grapes of Wrath*, *Of Mice and Men* marks another National Players classic tale. In this tragic and endearing story, we follow the mismatched friendship of George Milton and Lennie Small, two displaced migrant ranch workers in Depression-Era California. Small George has big dreams and tiny frame, while the large but simple Lennie seeks the comfort of everyday little pleasures. Just as George's dreams seem within reach, his compassion is tested through Lennie's mistakes. What makes true men and what makes true friends?

Founded in 1949, National Players is America's longest running touring company. Comprised of young professional actors, each year the company travels throughout the country performing two plays in repertory – one Shakespearean play and one dramatic classic. National Players has performed in the East Wing of the White House; in Europe, Asia, and the Middle East for American military; and throughout 40 states. Committed to the development of young theatrical talent and audiences, National Players' tours celebrate the experience of theatergoing by presenting the world's greatest dramatic literature.

The cast for *Of Mice and Men* includes Alex Christine Highsmith (Curley's Wife), Casey Hoekstra (The Boss), Patrick Hogan (Carlson), Mat Leonard (Lennie), Eryn O'Sullivan (Curley's Wife), Michael Pettey (George), Sam Rabinovitz (Curley), Marcus Salley (Crooks), Spenser Smith (Whit), Chad Tallon (Candy), and Brian Vaughn (Slim).

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