

The Crew

Direction	Neil & Ellen Johnson
Lighting & Sound	John Iwaszko & Scott Moore
Set	Ellen & Neil Johnson, Micah Johnson, Noah Johnson, Nick Piszczek
Concessions	Pam Kammerud, Cindy Lyon
Grounds	Bernie Beyl, Sue Gavin, Bea Anderson
Box Office & Publicity	Sue Mason, Fitzgerald family, Bill Mason
Ushering	Fitzgerald family

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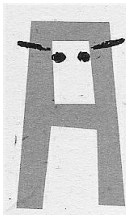
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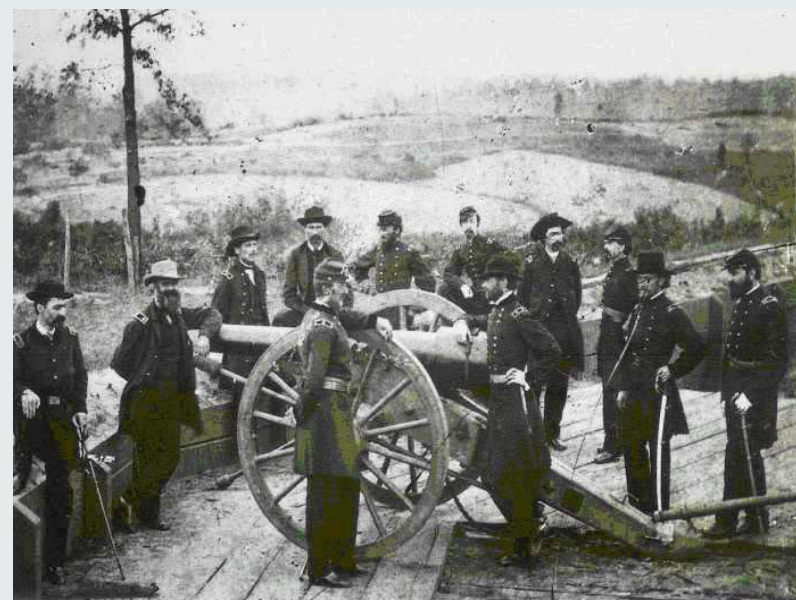
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St. Croix ArtBarn Theatre Presents:

The Court Martial of General William Tecumseh Sherman



**Thursday through Saturday
May 11-13, 2006 7:30 PM**

**World Premiere by
Meredith A. Wilson & William J. Fleming**

Production Notes

Director's Notes

The Battle of Shiloh, April 6-7, 1862—at that time, the greatest battle on the American continent—claimed the lives of nearly 24,000 soldiers. Fast forward over a century and we first hear the Bill Fleming & Meredith Wilson challenge whether or not General William Tecumseh Sherman was ‘surprised’ during this famous Civil War battle because of negligence, craziness or due to a close friendship with Confederate generals. Fleming had listened for years to the stories of the curator of the largest private Sherman collection where he was an honors graduate at Notre Dame Law School.

Decades later, St. Olaf graduate, Wilson, discovered the long series of Thomas Christie letters at the Minnesota Historical Society that is the backbone of the play. Together they have been collaborating on the finished product that you are to view tonight. Seventeen characters breathe life into this fictional work based on Union and Confederate Official Reports, newspaper accounts, Civil War history books, maps, and memoirs of the people involved in “The Hornet’s Nest”. ArtBarn is privileged to present the world premiere of this historical courtroom drama. We hope you enjoy the end result as much as we have learned and enjoyed creating it. Neil & Ellen

Union General Sherman was surprised at the Battle of Shiloh, April 6, 1862 because

- A. He was negligent.
- B. He was crazy.
- C. His close friendship with Confederate generals affected him.
- D. None of the above.

Time: December 11, 1862

Place: The court martial room at Fort Jefferson, Saint Louis

There will be one intermission.

The Cast

General William Tecumseh Sherman

“Sherman’s mind is an elegant, well designed, smooth Functioning machine—with each screw just a little bit loose.”

George Gfall

Margaret Callaway

Standing in for her father as Sherman’s defense counsel, she has been sitting next to her father in court since graduating.

Vicky Cain

Major John Pettibone

Prosecutor. Best lawyer in the Union Army.

Mike Fisk

Joseph Maceroni

Pettibone’s fetch and carry assistant.

Jeremy Richter

Chief Judge Edward Montgomery

Good solid soldier.

Ken Mettler

General Judge Helmut Meirs

Persnickety.

Charles Schrantz

Lt. Colonel Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr.

Promising. Might make a good judge some day.

Chad Leonard

General John A. McClernand

Determined to be elected the next president of the United States, he has come to report his latest doings to the court.

Karl Snyder

Private Benjamin T. Gracey

A young farm boy, he is shy and awed by the attention of so many generals hanging on his every word.

Ben Holmquist

Lt. Edmund Kohl

A young man, he is happy to be at the trial, assuming he’s been called to present the well-received article he wrote for his hometown newspaper.

Alan Duball

Henrietta Villard

Reporter for New York Times.

Kayla Kammerud

Whitney Reid

Reporter of Chicago Tribune.

Anna Holmquist

Samantha G. Wilkenson

Reporter for Philadelphia Post Bulletin.

Hannah Koehler

Mary Ann Bickerdyke

Legendary nurse of the Civil War.

Hazel Cain-Johnson

Lt. Jacques Fontaine

Defensive, seems to feel that the bravery of his men is in question, a Confederate.

Nicholas Piszczek

Sheila Murphy

Focused on her research, relishes the vivid images of her article.

Michelle DeGroot

Private Thomas Christie

May be the smartest private in the Union Army. He later taught at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Brady Langer