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**Ferris Theatre to present ‘The Diviners’**

BIG RAPIDS – Ferris State University will present four performances of “The Diviners” on April 14-17 as the concluding production of the Ferris Theatre’s 2004-2005 season.

The performances in Williams Auditorium are scheduled for 8 p.m. on Thursday through Saturday with a matinee show at 2:30 on Sunday. Tickets are \$4 for students and senior citizens and \$8 for adults. The ticket office in the auditorium lobby is open Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

“The Diviners” is the story of a young boy, Buddy Layman, in the dusty 1930s of Zion, IN, who has a gift for divining. Water and faith are both in short supply in this small farm community during the depression. But back-sliding preacher, C.C. Showers, drifts into town and meets the gentle but misunderstood boy with the gift of water-witching. The two outcasts find a common bond and help each other divine for truth, faith and hope.

The townspeople begin demanding the preacher return to a way of life he no longer believes in and it drives both he and Buddy to a crisis of trust. Jim Leonard Jr.’s earthy, funny, poignant and profoundly tragic play has echoes of Steinbeck’s classic depression era work. The characters are simple but good people searching for hope and something in which to believe.

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