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The Night Thoreau Spent in Jail **by Robert Edwin Lee and Jerome Lawrence**

Directed by Laura Jones

November 29, 30, December 1, 6, 7, 8, 8:00 p.m., December 2, 2:00 p.m.
University Theatre, University Center for the Arts, 1400 Remington Street
\$16, \$14/Seniors, \$7/CSU Students

In their inimitable way with words, Lawrence and Lee once again turn to an exploration of the historic past through fiction in order to comment on the present. Set in the mid-19th century, when modern American life really began, *The Night Thoreau Spent in Jail* celebrates the explosive spirit of Henry David Thoreau as he leaps across the years, addressing with power and clarity the perils of his own time, and prophetically, of ours as well. The playwrights reassure us: "This is not the bearded, weary-eyed Thoreau of the postage stamp. This is the blazing contemporary, clean-shaven, vigorous, outraged at the insanity and inanity of civilization." Without pretense at strict chronology, this highly theatrical montage of flashbacks and fastforwards, takes us on a journey of self-realization. In the course of his night in jail, Thoreau realizes that the idyll of Walden has already worked its change upon him, and the sunrise goads him with new challenges.

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