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Inland Stage Receives Target Grant for School Outreach

The Inland Stage Company recently received a Target Grant to conduct School Outreach programs in the Inland Valley region.

"This grant was awarded from the Target Foundation to help fund our School Outreach production of 'Remembering When: A Story of Mr. Whittier's Hemet' to local elementary schools," said ISC Artistic Director Jim Marbury.

"Remembering When" was first performed in January for the Hemet Centennial Celebration. It has since appeared several times at the Simpson Center, local schools, and two separate runs at Inland Stage Company.

"Inland Stage is currently working on booking dates for the show," said "Remembering When" Playwrite Michael Tennant. "Actors will be traveling to schools in the area. Schools interested should contact Inland Stage Company for possible tour dates. It's a great way to learn the history of the San Jacinto Valley and how the city of Hemet stepped onto the pages of history."

According to Tennant, "'Remembering When: The Story of Mr. Whittier's Hemet,' is basically the story of the founders of Hemet, and how and why it became a city."

The play focuses on the early people of the San Jacinto Valley, and the problems they faced, in the years 1885 through 1917.

"Michael Tennant is not only a very talented guy but also a friend, and he asked if I'd read the play," said ISC Artistic Director Jim Marbury. "Not surprisingly, I liked it, thought it would go a long way to expose us to new audiences and be a great opportunity to do a new work by a local playwright. We're very excited to produce it again."

The grant will be used for other ISC Outreach Projects as well. We look to expand our Educational Outreach Program to include a Fall and Spring tour, and field trip matinee productions of mainstage shows (The Crucible, The Importance of Being Earnest, and Othello)," Marbury said, "to help bring these plays the students read in school to life in performance."

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