Few images in our culture are as iconic and enduring as that of the American farmer. Few strike as deeply to our roots and run as richly through our bloodlines.

**Praying For Rain** is a multimedia performance about the men behind the image, their devotion to the land, their love of family, and their tie to deep beliefs. Set against a backdrop of struggles—extremities of weather, changing markets, shifting political winds, and the tragic consequences of the Dust Bowl—it is at once a resonant story about persistence of vision and a warning about our impact on today’s environment.

Through evocative songs, narration, and onscreen projections, **Praying For Rain** forges a compelling tale from first hand accounts, historical sources, and the vantage point of hindsight. Celebrating the courage, humor, joy, and resilience of the American farmer, it is a powerful and spirited evening of theater and song.

Thomas Jefferson long ago wrote, “Cultivators of the earth are the most valuable citizens. They are the most vigorous, the most independent, the most virtuous.”

In the beginning of the 19th century, America was an almost entirely agrarian society; 90 percent of its population lived on farms. Today, less than one percent of the population are farmers.

**Praying For Rain** both charts and explores the changing terrain between then and now, all the while evoking the indomitable spirit that somehow keeps the American farmer wed to the land and steadfast on his path. Join us in harvesting its rich and colorful bounty.