

"All beauty is a making one of opposites, and the making one of opposites is what we are going after in ourselves."—Eli Siegel

SUNDAY ◆ JUNE 4 ◆ 2:30 PM

The Aesthetic Realism Theatre Company is proud to present

# WHO WAS MARK TWAIN?—

## *A Dramatic Consideration of* **HUCKLEBERRY FINN**

— Eli Siegel's 1951 lecture, with scenes from the novel —

**M**ARK TWAIN'S UNFORGETTABLE CHARACTERS in *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*—and Twain himself—are truly comprehended and vibrantly alive through this presentation!

Eli Siegel, founder of Aesthetic Realism, showed that Huckleberry Finn, in all his turmoil and charm, has the problem we have:



"Huckleberry Finn represents a question which is always around: how to be spontaneous, seemingly natural, oneself, and yet go along with what other people seem to ask of you. That is a very hard question, because in satisfying these two demands, it is so easy to get troubled, angry, and so easy to be wrong."

As the book is explained and comes alive onstage, we know *ourselves* better—and so can be better people, stronger, wiser about ourselves and others.

This dramatic presentation, which has us see and feel the beauty of Mark Twain's novel, also contains a definitive, compassionate understanding of one of America's most esteemed writers. "Huckleberry Finn," Mr. Siegel explained, "is that phase of Mark Twain that wants to see things truly, and at the same time be just to everything that's romantic."

Come and experience this unique theatrical and literary event!

### — Cast —

ANNE FIELDING ◆ BENNETT COOPERMAN ◆ DEREK MALI  
CAROL McCLUER ◆ TIMOTHY LYNCH

WITH INCIDENTAL MUSIC ON FLUTE & PIANO  
*Performed by Barbara Allen & Edward Green*

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