

AN ADVENTURE WITH TEDDY ROOSEVELT

A PLAY BY JEROME ALDEN DIRECTED BY STEVEN CHASE

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2017

ROBERT C. BYRD AUDITORIUM NATIONAL CONSERVATION TRAINING CENTER







AN ADVENTURE WITH TEDDY ROOSEVELT

CAST

CREW

Producers Steve Chase

NOTES

There will be a 15 minute intermission between acts.

Most of the props on the stage are from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Museum/Archives.

The wildlife objects are the result of seizures by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Office of Law Enforcement.

ACT ONE

The Adventures of Theodore Roosevelt

ACT TWO

The Further Adventures of Theodore Roosevelt

LIST OF UNSEEN CHARACTERS

Flihu Boot

Henry Cabot Lodge

Jules Jusserand H. L. Mencken

Edith Carrow Roosevelt

Gifford Pinchot

Theodore Roosevelt Sr.

Martha Bulloch Roosevelt

Joe Murray

Alice Hathaway Lee Roosevelt

"Bink"

Quentin Roosevelt

Bill Loeb

Baron Jutaro Komura Minister Kogoro Takahira

Mrs. Curtis

Count Serge Witte

Kermit Roosevelt Alice Roosevelt

Theodore Roosevelt III

Ethel Roosevelt Archie Roosevelt

President Woodrow Wilson

Secretary of War

Senator from Massachusetts

French Ambassador

Critic, Baltimore Sun Edith Carrow Roosevelt

Governor of PA. Conservationist

Father Mother

New York City Politician

First Wife

Quentin's Friend

Son

Private Secretary

Emissary of the Mikado

Emissary of the Mikado Visitor to the White House

Emissary of the Czar

Sun

Daughter

Son

Daughter

Son



To the second

WELCOME

Welcome to today's performance as we celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the National Conservation Training Center.

In March of 1903, after a visit from his friend the well-known ornithologist Frank Chapman, President Theodore Roosevelt had a decision to make. A small island in Florida's Indian River that was threatened by the ravages of market hunting had been brought to his attention. Pelican Island, as it was known, was a critical nesting ground for pelicans and home to other species like egrets, ibises, and roseate spoonbills. The birds were on the brink of extirpation from the area when Audubon ranger Paul Kroegel, who lived nearby, made a personal plea to Chapman to save this precious habitat.

Chapman in turn went to Roosevelt, who decided to act.

"Is there any law that will prevent me from declaring Pelican Island a Federal Bird Reservation? Very well, then I so declare it!"

Since President Roosevelt designated Florida's Pelican Island as the first wildlife refuge in 1903, the National Wildlife Refuge System has grown to include more than 560 refuges, 38 wetland management districts, and other protected areas, encompassing 150 million acres of land from the Caribbean to the remote Pacific.

Today's performance gives you a glimpse into the life and passion of a man who cared deeply for his country and the land. We hope you leave this performance with a better appreciation of Theodore Roosevelt, a Progressive, founder of the American Conservation Movement, and America's youngest President.





