

The Division of the Arts at IUSB,  
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are pleased to sponsor:

ALMOST, MR. EDISON, ALMOST

A Dramatic Presentation written and performed by Hank Fincken.

THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 1991

8:15 PM

NS158 - THE LITTLE THEATRE

Almost, Mr. Edison, Almost, is a multi-faceted portrait of the man that some say invented the 20th Century, Thomas A. Edison. Fincken adopts the personae not only of Edison but of Edison's eldest son as well as his best friend, Henry Ford. The time is October 21, 1929. The event is "Light's Golden Jubilee," the fiftieth anniversary of Thomas Edison's light bulb. During those years, the country evolved into a world power and some say Edison made it all possible! Nations applaud, the world glows, and progress promises to continue forever - one week before the infamous Wall Street Crash. Hank Fincken's play sheds light on the man behind the myth, his times, and ours. If history was ever to repeat itself, it would be like this!

The intent of the presentation, which invites audience participation, is to educate as well as entertain. Edison's place as an almost mythic character in the American imagination, embodying the values of self-determination, the power of will, hard work, native genius, and the virtues of material progress, is carefully examined. Fincken's goal is to raise questions and stimulate reflection and discussion on these values and at the same time help audiences to better understand Edison's place in American history and the history of science.

Hank Fincken likes to bill himself as "A National Theatre Company of One." Working out of Indianapolis, he has appeared extensively across the midwest, often performing his own original plays or leading workshops on creative dramatics and creative writing. Reviews of his work have been uniformly enthusiastic and he has been profiled in several leading newspapers and magazines throughout the region. The shows are popular with family audiences as well as serious students of history.

The presentation is open to the public. There is no charge for admission.

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