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The Tulsa Spotlighter Theatre, home of that old fashioned melodrama, ***The Drunkard***, is looking for some new faces. This year marks the *Fifty-Fifth Anniversary* of the first perfomance which was given in November 1953. ***The Drunkard*** is the longest continuously running theatrical production in America and we're still playing to sold out houses. That's magical.

There are eleven parts in the show, seven male and four female with a very flexible age range for the characters. (Some actors in our show have performed well into their eighties). ***The Drunkard*** has a unique rotating cast and strives to have six to eight people who can play each of the eleven parts. Once cast, you can expect to perform about once a month. Brief descriptions of the characters are listed below. Call the theatre at 587-5030 with your contact information and we'll give you the specific audition dates and times for each part.

No acting experience? We don't care. Never been on stage? Doesn't matter. Most of our actors started out the same way—but, they had to audition. So, now's your chance to become part of a Tulsa treasure, have lots of fun and support the arts and local charities at the same time.

Someone said that performing in our show was the most fun you can have with all your clothes on. (It may be true, but we don't go there at the Spotlight—remember it's family entertainment). Our mission: "*To entertain families and have fun enriching lives, onstage and off, through theatre and the arts".*

Cast of Characters for

THE DRUNKARD

that old fashioned melodrama

Romaine: A refined gentleman, philosopher and visitor to Cedarville. He no longer imbibes, but knows well the evils of drink. He is in his forties or older.

Simon Slade: Owner of the Sickle & Sheaf, a newly opened hotel and tavern in Cedarville. Simon is a moody, shrewd and greedy opportunist who recently sold the Old Mill to buy the Sickle and Sheaf.

Ann Slade: The troubled and foreboding wife of Simon, who longs for the Old Mill.

Frank Slade: The teenage son of Simon and Ann who is eager to learn the hotel and liquor trade. Frank is perhaps fifteen years of age at the beginning of the play.

Sample Switchell: The good-natured bumpkin and handyman for Judge Hammond, Cedarville's most prominent citizen. He is a regular at the Sickle and Sheaf and is a protector of Willie Hammond, the judge's son.

Willie Hammond: Wealthy, respected, yet impressionable young man, who is methodically cheated and lead astray by the wicked gambler, Harvey Green.

Harvey Green: A morally bereft villain of classic proportions—a coward and a cheat with few, if any, redeeming qualities.

Mehitabel Cartwright: A fanciful and aging spinster who works for Judge Hammond's wife. She is addicted to romance novels and has her husband-seeking sights set on Sample Switchell.

Joe Morgan: The Drunkard. Joe's love for strong drink cost him his inheritance. After ten years of neglecting the family business, control of the Old Mill passed into the hands of his boyhood friend, Simon Slade.

Fanny Morgan: Faithful, long-suffering wife of Joe Morgan.

Little Mary: The sweet, innocent Morgan daughter who ventures out nightly to plead with her father to leave the tavern and come home to her and Mother. (Little Mary must be at least thirteen years of age to audition for the role.)