

'John Brown's Body' opens Thursday night

"John Brown's Body" the epic drama of the Civil War by Stephen Vincent Benet, will open on Thursday at 8 p.m. in the Fine Arts Theatre.

Performances will also be given on Friday and Saturday at 8 and on Sunday at 2 p.m. with no admission charge.

THE READERS' Theatre production is directed by Jack C. Rang, who has arranged "John Brown's Body" for eight readers and a chorus of 16 singers.

Students performing as readers are Curtis Powell, Marion; Libby Johnson, Charleston; Ken Shivers, Peotone; Mike Boyll, Centralia; Kris Kirkham, Clinton; Keith Lustig, Champaign; Karen Morrisey, Chicago; and John Webb, Effingham.

The dramatic reading version is adapted from Benet's poem. Tyrone Power, Judith Anderson and Raymond Massey had the lead roles when the drama was presented in New York.