

Carlow University students present a rarely -performed reading of

Voices from the Great Steel Strike

Dave Demarest's story of the 1919 Steel Strike



Hear the voices of Fr. Adalbert Kazinczy, Braddock's labor priest,

labor organizer **Mother Jones**,

African-American migrants from the South, and more!

Free! at the Braddock Library

6-7pm, Wednesday, May 1

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Carlow University students enrolled in “History 354: Special Topics: The 1919 Steel Strike” invite you to a special presentation of Dave Demarest’s stage reading ***Voices from the Great Steel Strike***.

Hear the passionate voice of Braddock’s labor priest (St. Michael’s Church), Father Kazinczy; the comical pomposity of US Steel CEO Judge Gary; the fiery, poetic rhetoric of worker advocate Mother Jones; the quieter, matter-of-fact descriptions of labor journalist Mary Heaton Vorse; the reactionary threats of the pro-company priest Father Molyneaux; the insightful eloquence of strike strategist William Z. Foster; the heart-rending and thoughtful reflections of African-American migrants from the South, whose best option at the time was to work as strike-breakers; and the analytical, measured voice of the Interchurch Report.

This rarely-performed script, based on documentary sources, was premiered at the Braddock Library 25 years ago. It documents and dramatizes the largest strike in American history up to that time, a violent yet inspiring clash that raised issues that resonate to this day: migration and immigration, race and nationality, patriotism and free speech, and workers’ rights. The unrealized promise of the so-called “Hunky Strike” in 1919 left a painful legacy only partly redeemed by the successful inter-racial labor movement of the 1930s and the ensuing civil rights revolution of the 1950s and 1960s, leaving us with a responsibility to remember and engage our collective past.

This event is free and open to the public. It will take place at the **Braddock Library from 6:00-7:00 pm on Wednesday, May 1**. For more information, please contact Sally Henzel at svhenzel@live.carlow or

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