

# Paul Green Foundation



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Lamar Stringfield, far left, with the 105th Engineers, 30th Division Regimental Band, Marseilles, France in 1919.

## More about Green and WWI

This 1949 *News & Observer* shows a picture of the 105<sup>th</sup> Engineers, 30<sup>th</sup> Division Regimental Band in France, as they appeared in 1919. The flute player in the front row on the far left is **Lamar Stringfield** (1897-1959), a soldier from Charlotte. Paul Green was also in the 105<sup>th</sup> Engineers and the two men met in France – the beginning of their long friendship. Stringfield was the first director of the North Carolina Symphony and winner of the 1928 Pulitzer Prize in Music for his Symphonic Suite, *From the Southern Mountains*. During Stringfield's accomplished career, conducting symphonies around the country and on the radio, he wrote music for Paul Green's *Tread the*

*Green Grass, Shroud My Body Down* and several songs and background music for *The Lost Colony*.

## Johnny Johnson around the World

### Germany



Continuing with the WWI theme, Paul Green and Kurt Weill's anti-war play with music, *Johnny Johnson* will be staged again this spring as **Braver Soldat Johnny** in Dessau, Germany with international soloists and the MDR Symphony Orchestra.



### Italy

Through the Kurt Weill Foundation, we have received a request from **The Bernstein School of Musical Theater in Bologna, Italy**, to mount a student production of *Johnny Johnson* in 2018. They requested that they perform the music with Green's original English lyrics, translated into Italian.



*Johnny jumping out of bed upon hearing that there will be a great battle the next day. "Tomorrow! And here I lie. And there will be thousands killed – thousands of boys killed." (He begins fingering the cylinder of laughing gas.)*

## Other Paul Green Foundation Activities

Marsha Warren will do PowerPoint presentations on Paul Green at Wayne Community College in Goldsboro on April 10<sup>th</sup> and on May 16<sup>th</sup> for the Buies Creek Book Review and their other invited Harnett County book clubs. While in Harnett County, she'll meet with Brian Haney, Harnett County official regarding up-coming programming on Paul Green, and meet with Bert Wallace of the Campbell University Drama Department about his play on Green's *This Body the Earth*.

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