

STEM Read Presents “The War of the Worlds”

A reimagining of the Mercury Theater’s 1938 presentation of “The War of the Worlds” by Howard Koch, based on the novel by H.G. Wells

Produced by STEM Read

Written and produced in collaboration with Northern Public Radio, DeKalb Public Library, Sycamore Public Library, and Sycamore High School Sci-Fi Club

Producer/Director/Head Writer – Gillian King-Cargile

Assistant Producer – Mary Baker

Editor/Sound Designer – Jacob Johnson

Sound Mixer – Carl Nelson

Cast

Part	Played By	Organization
Announcer	Jenna Dooley	Northern Public Radio
Opening Monologue	Denny Boynton	Community Member
Studio Reporter 1	Gillian King-Cargile	Northern Illinois University
Field Reporter - Tory Walker	Tory Leverton	DeKalb Public Library
Steve Roman	Steve Roman	DeKalb Public Library
Promo Announcer	Joseph Howerton	Sycamore High School Sci-Fi Club
Airport Administrator	Paul Crawford	Northern Illinois University
Pizza Nugget Fan	Sebastian Lowe	DeKalb Public Library
Sycamore City Official	Melanie Magara	Northern Illinois University
Ears in the Corn Host	Jacob Johnson	Northern Illinois University

Katie Sosnowski	Katie Sosnowski	Community Member
Mike Taylor	Mike Taylor	Northern Illinois University
Carl Wilmuth	Aaron Markey	Northern Illinois University
Field Reporter - Hector Koch	Umar Siddiqui	Sycamore High School Sci-Fi Club
Alice	Alice Mesjak	Sycamore Public Library
Essie	Essie McMahon	Sycamore Public Library
Barn and Feed Manager	Mark Pietrowski	Northern Illinois University
Sci-Fi Club President	Madeline Daniels	Sycamore High School Sci-Fi Club
NIU Spokesperson	Anne Kaplan	Northern Illinois University
Corn-espondent-Grace Knot	Kristin Brynteson	Northern Illinois University
Nina Castillo	Erin Spencer	Northern Illinois University
Jeremy Benson	Jeremy Benson	Northern Illinois University
Director, Men and Women for Mars	Lynne Thomas	Northern Illinois University
Government Official	Sebastian Lowe	DeKalb Public Library
Soldier	Jacob Johnson	Northern Illinois University
Call-in - Hoax	Meryl Sussman	Northern Illinois University
Call-in - Why Hamsters?	Andrew Board	Northern Illinois University
Call-in - Lab Experiment	Joseph Howerton	Sycamore High School Sci-Fi Club
Call-in - Invasive Species	Dustin Fischer	Sycamore High School Sci-Fi Club

Call-in - Kindness	Patricia Sievert	Northern Illinois University
Call-in - American Citizen	Joseph Howerton	Sycamore High School Sci-Fi Club
Call-in - Tinfoil Hat	Mary Baker	Northern Illinois University
Call-in - Conservation Laws	Sara Bosilovatz	Northern Illinois University
Call-in - Wipe Out	Andrew Tillotson	DeKalb Public Library
Call-in Hamster Sliders	Rob Deshazer	Community Member
Call-in – Just Like My Cat	Coy Thompson	Sycamore High School Sci-Fi Club
Call-in - Condolences	Deborah Pixton	Northern Illinois University
Frightened Man	Carl Nelson	Northern Public Radio
Band Member	Gary Vodka	Headspins

Additional Sound Effects

Logan McMurren - Sycamore High School Sci-Fi Club

Shianna Thompson - Sycamore High School Sci-Fi Club

Alice Mesjak – Sycamore Public Library

Emani Brinkman – Sycamore Public Library

Rebecca Hungerford – Sycamore Public Library

Evelyn Lorence – Sycamore Public Library

Eriq Walker– Sycamore Public Library

Songs

“Acceleration”

Written and Performed by Katie Sosnowski

“Airplay”

Ears in the Corn Theme Music
Written and Performed by Mike Taylor

“Always Something-16x”

Intro/End Theme
Written and Performed by Mike Taylor

“Anxiety”

Written and Performed by Headspins
Gary Vodka, Julia Zap, and Gator G
from their Album “Spinster”

"ExUx"

Station Break Theme
Written and Performed by Mike Taylor

“Make It Happen”

Static Punk Sound Creation
Written and Performed by Mike Taylor

“My Way or the Highway”

Written and Performed by Headspins
Gary Vodka, Julia Zap, and Gator G
from their Album “Spinster”

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