

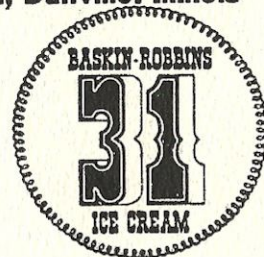
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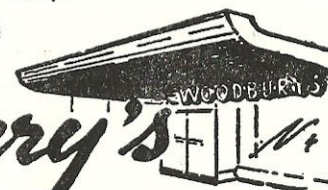
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Since the days of the Greek tragedies play directors have charged their actors with the task of interpreting the meaning of the author's words . . . conveying to the audience his thoughts and ideas. Herb Gardner made it easy for us, and each of my cast members made this play one of my most pleasurable. Of course, the cast is ably supported by the back stage crew, and my right arm throughout the production was Mrs. Norma Day. My thanks to her and the entire cast and crew. We hope you enjoy our interpretation of a "fun" play.

Harold Judy

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Our Director

"A Thousand Clowns" marks the fifth Red Mask play directed by Harold Judy. Prior to beginning his interest in directing, he had appeared in 13 little theatre productions, winning the coveted "Katy" award as crotchety Sen. Seab Cooley in "Advise and Consent". His last appearance was in "Any Wednesday". He is a past board member and past president of Red Mask and is now a member of the board of building trustees. Mr. Judy's wife, Barbara, an interior decorator, is also a past "Katy" winner and currently on the board. They have one son, Scott, six. Mr. Judy is operations manager of The Commercial-News.

Our Stage Manager

Norma's most recent appearance on the Red Mask stage was in the lead role of Lola in last season's hit "Come Back, Little Sheba".

Since joining Red Mask Norma has performed in a number of plays including "Never Too Late", "Streetcar Named Desire" and "Come Blow Your Horn" for which she won a merit award. A former member of the Red Mask Board of Directors, Norma has served as stage manager and on committees for membership, make-up, tickets, play selection and casting.

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A Thousand Clowns

SYNOPSIS OF SCENES

ACT I

Murray Burn's apartment, Manhattan, eight-thirty in the morning, the present.

ACT II

- Scene 1. Murray Burns' apartment, eight o'clock the following morning.
Scene 2. Arnold Burns' office, later that afternoon.
Scene 3. Murray Burns' apartment, early that evening.

ACT III

Murray Burns' apartment, half an hour later.

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Cast of Characters

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Murray Burns	Bob Canetta
Nick Burns	Frank Rose
Albert Amundson	Peter Rasmussen
Sandra Markowitz	Cyndy Williams
Arnold Burns	Wayne A. Sherman
Leo Herman	Bob Tolliver

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On Stage Tonight

Bob Canetta (Murray)

Bob was memorable as Hannibal in the recent Red Mask production of "Curious Savage". He has done numerous roles, and he holds a B.A. in theatre arts from Colorado State University. Bob is a speech pathologist at the V.A.

Frank Rose (Nick)

A student at North Ridge Jr. High, Frank is involved in Drama Club and has performed in school plays. He also appeared in the Red Mask production of "The Wizard of Oz". Frank's creative endeavors also include writing science fiction stories.

Peter Rasmussen (Albert Admundson)

A senior at Rossville-Alvin High School, Peter has performed in several big school hits including "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown", "1776", "Up the Down Staircase" and "Carnival". Peter plans to attend DePauw University next year and major in history.

Cyndy Williams (Sandy)

Cyndy appeared in last season's Red Mask hit "Forty Carats". She has also performed elsewhere in productions including "Miser" and "You Can't Take It With You". Off-stage Cyndy has worked in lighting and properties with Milikin Summer Showcase. Cyndy is employed as a secretary.

Wayne A. Sherman (Arnold Burns)

Wayne is involved in set construction for this production. He has appeared in several hit plays including "Teahouse of the August Moon", "Curious Savage", and "Shootout at Noon". He and wife Crystal have a 14-month-old son Billy. Wayne is with security at DJC.

Bob Tolliver (Leo Herman)

Bob has performed with Red Mask in past productions of "Cactus Flower" and "Come Back Little Sheba". His wife, Debbie and both their sons, Marc and Craig have also been active on the Red Mask stage. Presently, Bob is serving on the Red Mask Board.

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Letter From the President . . .

The 1974-'75 season is coming to a successful end. Much has been accomplished, even though, all goals have not been met. All things in life seem to involve time and money. All things considered, the future of Red Mask looks bright.

We have some new faces around the theatre, which, I think, have been very well accepted by the viewing audience, both on-stage and off.

Others seem reluctant to get involved. We welcome people from all walks of life to come to the theatre and see how a production is put together. Ask questions and I am sure there is something for everyone to do. Actually, you will find it gets in your blood.

A drive is on for season ticket sales for the 1975-'76 season, with the beginning of this play.

We are sorry to have to raise prices for the new season, but we are hit by inflation, too. You can bet, the prices will be dropped again, when the management feels it can. In the meantime, you can still purchase season tickets at the last season prices until July 1, '75. After that you will have to pay a little more.

Also, you are asked to vote for four Board members from the ballot handed you. Each member will serve a three year term. Remember, these people control the destiny of Red Mask over the next few years.

If you have suggestions to better your theatre, I am sure you can find willing listeners.

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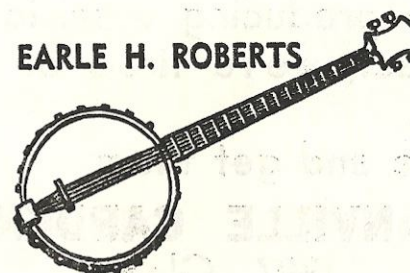
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Dear Friends of Red Mask,

Red Mask Players of Danville extend to you a warm invitation to join us in our exciting activities throughout the coming season.

With open arms we welcome new talent on our stage. Experienced actors and actresses are always in demand to handle major roles. And we are thrilled to have newly discovered talent make a debut on the Red Mask stage. Won't you watch the newspaper and our marquee for announcements of try-out dates.

In addition, backstage production work always has need for your skills. Would you be interested in set designing or construction, makeup, properties, costuming, publicity, ushering, programs? If these or other areas as lighting, sound effects, and so on appeal to you, then come join us just "for the fun of it".

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