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by Sharon Tipsword

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From Playwright/Director Sharon Tipsword

<i>Analee Armstrong Taylor</i>	Gracie Oliver
<i>Veda Tamlin</i>	Nancy Henderson
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<i>Eleanor Tamlin</i>	Starla Cummings
<i>Diedra Kay</i>	Julia Reynolds
<i>Evelyn Crowley</i>	Mike Boedicker
<i>Beth Jacoby</i>	Sarah Torbeck
<i>Beauregard Lee</i>	Brian K. Morris
<i>Jefferson Moore</i>	Mike Morgan
<i>Teddy Hyatt</i>	Kenneth Cooper
<i>That Man</i>	Brad T. Smith

Time: 1935

Place: The Tamlin Mansion in Georgia

ACT I

Scene 1 Eleanor's Bedroom, evening

Scene 2 The following morning

ACT II

Scene 1 The Drawing room, that evening

Scene 2 Midnight

Scene 3 The following morning

Scene 4 later that day

There will be one fifteen minute intermission between Act 1 and Act 2. At this time restrooms and refreshments are available in the lower level of the theater. Gift items are also available for purchase in the lower level during intermission. We request that there be no smoking in any area of the building. Also, no food or drinks will be permitted in the auditorium. Thank you.



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RED MASK

FROM THE PRESIDENT

It was a soft summer evening, the breeze gently moving the Spanish moss in the old live oaks that surrounded the gentrified southern house. There was an almost mystic light flowing from the ancient windows. Music and laughter framed the summer sounds of the crickets and whippoorwills. Ladies and gentlemen, all robed in their finest, danced and laughed, unaware of what surprises the evening held.

Sounds pretty good, doesn't it, all that southern atmosphere and charm. Well, sit back and watch as our wonderful Red Mask Players take you for a humorous romp through a true Southern romance novel as only writer/director Sharon Tipsword could envision.

Enjoy your evening of romance and laughter and as always, thank you for attending the Red Mask production of *Romantic Fever*.

Gail Garner

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A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR/PLAYWRIGHT

Cole Porter called love “that crazy thing.” The dictionary defines romance as having a bit of the mysterious and supernatural in it... which is an educated way of saying it has spooky stuff. The character of Charley asks, “What’s enough love?” and is answered, “Always a little more than anyone ever gets.” So... love and romance is that crazy spooky thing we can’t ever get enough of? No wonder some of us are bewildered, bewitched and deeply afraid when someone says I love you. However, with imagination and a sense of humor, we can be assured of a happy ending. Trust me. Welcome to Romantic Fever. Watch as our characters work on their crazy fearful spooky romantic problems. Meet...

ELEANOR - a widow who would rather have a nervous breakdown than surrender to love again.

TRUMBLE - a man of mystery who thinks bullet wounds are not as painful as the ache for the woman who won’t have him.

VEDA - who hasn’t given up on hearing bag pipes and seeing hairy-legged men in kilts marching over the hill to rescue her.

BETH - a no-nonsense woman who is unprepared to be “moon struck” and can’t help hitting the man she wants.

ANALEE - who thinks every woman needs a man or two and goes to great lengths to find some.

EVELYN - a charming rogue who thinks romance is a game until he meets a woman who won’t play. He may join Eleanor in going crazy.

DEIDRA KAY - a different kind of Cinderella. Forget the Prince. Give her an exciting job, adventure and extreme wealth.

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TEDDY and JEFFERSON - fun loving playboys who aren’t looking for jobs but could be seduced into having a purpose.

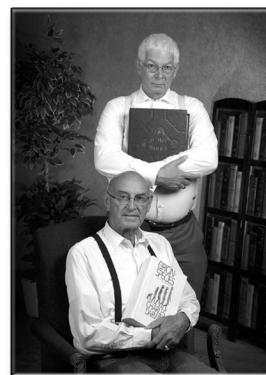
AND... who is THAT MAN who keeps bumping into walls?

My cast and crew have worked especially hard to delight, enchant, and entertain you. We hope you enjoy them in this crazy thing.

Sharon Tipsword

Director/Playwright

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ON STAGE



Gracie Oliver *Annalee Armstrong Taylor*
Favorite Romantic Movie: *A Walk To Remember*
Favorite Quote: “When all else fails you, I swear, I will not”
You may have seen me: Sophia in *Tom Jones*, Lavonda in *Sordid Lives*, and Elsa in *The Sound of Music*
 In my spare time I love being at school(DACC). I am a theater major and planning to transfer to Illinois State.



Nancy Henderson *Veda Tamlin*
My favorite Quote – “I may not be a smart man, but I know what love is” – Forrest Gump. I believe Veda would say something like the following quote from one of my **favorite books and movies** *Jane Eyre*, “My Edward and I, then are happy: and the more so because those we most love are happy likewise.”
You may have seen me in one of signature roles: Nurse Ratched in *One Flew over the Cuckoo’s Nest*, The Witch in *Into the Woods*, Anna in *The King and I*, Mother in *Ragtime*, Marian in *The Music Man*, Queen Aggravain in *Once Upon A Mattress*, Ethel Thayer in *On Golden Pound*, Domina in *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*, or Sister Amnesia in *Nunsense I, II, and III*. Or else behind the scenes producing, directing, and designing and making costumes.



Dave Techtow *Trumble Delacourt*
Favorite Quote “I have great hopes that we shall love each other all our lives as much as if we had never married at all” Lord Byron
You may have seen me as Reverend Jeremiah Brown in *Inherit the Wind* at Red Mask. Or else singing Karaoke at various Bars or sailing on Lake Vermillion



Starla Cummings *Eleanor Tamlin*
Favorite Movie: “Gone with the Wind”
Favorite Movie Quotation: “You had me at hello” from *Jerry Maguire*
You may have seen me in the audience watching a Red Mask Play! Or enjoying activities with my family.. who are “The Wind Beneath my Wings”.



Julia Reynolds *Deidra Kay*
Favorite Romantic Movie: *Somewhere in Time*
Favorite romantic quotation: “Death cannot stop true love, it can only delay it for a little while” from *The Princess Bride*
You may have seen me 5 years ago on the Red Mask stage as the naughty maid Nancy in *Angel Street*, or in DLO’s production of *Sugar*, or as Sister Sophia in *The Sound of Music* with the Danville Symphony Orchestra. Or spending time with my loving husband and two wonderful teenage sons.



Mike Boedicker *Evelyn Crowley*
Favorite Quote: “Hearts will never be practical until they can be made unbreakable” – The Wizard in *The Wizard of Oz*
You may have seen me in *Meet My Husbands* (2004), where I also played a cad in a white suit. Directing *Dr. Cook’s Garden* (2005), and Producing *Angel Street* (2006) and *The Replacement* (2010). Or making the films *Show* (2005) and *Revolting* (2010) with Red Mask actors. Dragging my Wife Leslie to all kinds of movies.



Sarah Torbeck *Beth Jacoby*
Favorite Romantic Quotation: “...you may love ‘im forever but you won’t like ‘im all of the time... for the rest of your life you might have somebody but you won’t want ‘im every day” – Billy Joel
You may have seen me in *A... My Name Will Always Be Alice* DLO and *Tiny Island* Heartland Theatre Company Normal, IL And as coach/choreographer of the Georgeown-RidgeFarm High School Thunderin Buffs Color Guard.



Brian K. Morris *Beauregard Lee*
Favorite Quote from *Superman The Movie* - Lois Lane “You’ve got me? Who’s got you?”
You may have seen me as a thug in *Wanda’s Visit* or DLO’s *Jekyll and Hyde* (Proops), *The Music Man* (Mayor Shinn), or *My Fair Lady* (Alfie Doolittle), Maybe even Hoopston’s ART’s *State Fair* (Dave Miller/the Hoopla Barker/Judge Heppenstahl) or *Cookin’ With Gus* (Bernie). Or else in *Revolting* (directed by Mike Boedicker) and *Heroic Ambition* (a documentary about the 2007 Superman celebration)

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Mike Morgan *Jefferson Moore*

Favorite Movies *Sleuth, Taxi Driver*

Favorite Quote "You say you are honest, but love is for thieves"-
Mick Jagger

You may have seen me in *Inherit the Wind* Red Mask, and *State Fair*
and *Dames at Sea* ART in Hoopeston



Kenneth Cooper *Teddy Hyatt*

Favorite Quote "Love is like a rose in winter, only the strong
survive"

You may have seen me as the innocent Tom Jones in "Tom
Jones" or as Bertram Cates in "Inherit the Wind".
Or working at Big R North.



Brad T. Smith *That Man*

Favorite quote "Love means never having to say you're sorry"
Love Story

You may have seen me as Otto Frank in Red Mask's *The Diary*
of Anne Frank or in DLO's *Civil War*
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Sharon Tipsword *Director*

Favorite Romantic Quotation: “Women make the best psychiatrists until they fall in love: then they make the best patients.” (from the film *Spellbound*)

Favorite romantic movie: *Random Harvest*

You might have seen me acting in several Red Mask productions including *Last Night At Ballyhoo* and *The Cemetery Club*... or directing the goofy *Flaming Idiots* and *Meet My Husbands*... maybe in DLO’s *Ruthless* or in Mike Boedicker’s films *Revoltin’* and *Show*. Now I am directing my own play ROMANTIC FEVER. Perhaps you have seen me hugging my cast and crew for giving new meaning to “going beyond” and for creating enchantment behind my back.

Playwright

Most recent favorite romantic movie *Lars and the Real Girl*

I wrote *Romantic Fever* over thirty years ago when I was living in NYC. It had four professional productions and was optioned for Broadway three times and four times for film. This simply means that it was held up for so long not getting done that I had to move on. I am not bitter. Or if I was I got so old I forgot. Maybe I didn’t because I love these characters and they always sat in the back of my mind. Sometimes I could feel them yearning to live again. I am fortunate to have found a cast who gives them new voices, embodiment, and life... one more time. I know you will enjoy my adored players who will make you cry, laugh, and grin loudly. Welcome to the Midwest Premier of *Romantic Fever* .

Beth Lashbrook *Stage Manager*

My favorite romantic Movie: *You’ve Got Mail*

Favorite quote: “I love being married. It’s so great to find that one special person you want to annoy for the rest of your life.” Rita Rudner

You may have seen me: Backstage at Red Mask for *Dr. Cook’s Garden* and *Flaming Idiots*, directing the summer Drama Club at the Boys and Girls club or doing “stand-up comedy in front of my students at Edison Elementary.

Jamey Coutant *Producer*

My favorite romantic Movie: *An Affair To Remember*

Favorite quote: “I know if I ever go looking for my heart’s desire, I’ll never go further than my own backyard. For if it isn’t there, I never really lost it.” Dorothy Gale “The Wizard of Oz”

You may have seen me at Red Mask in *Goodbye Charlie*, *Tom Jones*, *Charlie and the Chocolate factory*, or DLO’s *Big, Ragtime*, *The Music Man*, and *Hello Dolly*. Or backstage helping or working with children’s theater.



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