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#### Director — Harold Judy

Harold is a veteran of eleven Red Mask plays, the most recent being "Any Wednesday." His performance in "Advise and Consent" earned the coveted "Katy" award. Harold has served Red Mask as a past president and member of the board. He has also directed "Arsenic and Old Lace" and "Plaza Suite".

#### Bob Tolliver - Producer

Bob has acted in two previous Red Mask plays, "Come Back Little Sheba," and "Cactus Flower." Bob majored in speech, drama and television broadcasting at Indiana University. He has acted in several school productions, including "Our Town," "The Importance of Being Earnest," and "A Midsummer Night's Dream." He has also worked in commercial television production, advertising and publicity. Two sons, Craig and Marc, have appeared in Red Mask Children's plays.

#### Stage Manager — Janice Mullen

Janice has helped with backstage work doing properties, lights, ticket sales. She was stage manager for last season's "Everybody Loves Opal". Recently she appeared at DJC Fine Arts Festival in "Spoon River Anthology." Janice is secretary for Danville Department of Planning and Development.

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# Cast of Characters (in order of their appearance)

| Ann Stanley Barbara McKinzie  |
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| Peter Latham Kevin Bennington |
| Mrs. Adams Laurie McClure     |
| Mrs. Margolin Juanita Carter  |
| Billy Boylan Jim Wingo        |
| Eddy Edwards Heath Acton      |
| Maud Hayes Norma Day          |
| Trina Stanley Cyndy Williams  |
| Mrs. Latham Nevada Seaman     |
| Mr. Latham Jerry Harlow       |
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# On Stage Jonight

#### Barbara McKinzie as Ann Stanley

Barbara studied vocal music at Illinois State University where she held the lead in Gilbert and Sullivan's "Patience." A charter member of Danville Light Opera, Barbara starred in hits as "Showboat", "Oklahoma," and "Carousel." She and her husband Jack have three children.

#### Kevin Bennington as Peter Latham

Ken is a student of voice and medicine at the University of Illinois where he is also a member of the Men's Glee Club. He has appeared in such hit productions as "Brigadoon," "South Pacific," and "The Sandbox." Kevin's multiple interests include dancing, writing, gymnastics, and other sports. In addition, he works as a lab technician at Mercy Hospital in Champaign.

#### Norma Day as Maud Hayes

Norma has a background of delightful performances in hits as "Never Too Late," "Delicate Balance," "Come Back Little Sheba" and "Come Blow Your Horn" for which she won the "Katy" award. While serving as membership co-chairman, she is also a member of the Red Mask board. Norma has also served Red Mask in every capacity of back stage work. She is also active with our children's productions each season.

#### Juanita Carter as Mrs. Margolin

Juanita is making her debut on the Red Mask stage with this performance. She has worked backstage for pervious productions doing costuming, play selection, and ushering. Juanita has two sons, Scott and Mike.

#### Heath Acton as Eddy Edwards

Heath appeared in Red Mask's production of "The Rainmaker" as Noah. Prior to joining Red Mask, he performed with the Manor Barn Players of Missouri in a number of hits and directed their production of "Come Blow Your Horn."

#### Jim Wingo as Billy Boylan

Jim made his debut with Red Mask as Dirk Winston in "Mary, Mary." Since then Jim has helped with casting. Jim and his wife Lois have two children Kristin and Ron.

#### Laurie McClure as Mrs. Adams

While a student at DHS, Laurie performed in a production of cuttings from several hit plays. She inherits her abilties on the stage from her talented, notorius, and delightful mother Mary Lou Spain. Laurie is chief obituary writer for the Commercial-News and part-time student at DJC.

#### Nevada Seaman as Mrs. Latham

Nevada is making her debut with Red Mask in this production. She has performed in school and church productions. Nevada and her husband Ferrel have four sons.

#### Jerry Harlow as Mr. Latham

Jerry has appeared on the Red Mask stage in "Witness for the Prosecution," "Anastasia," and "Calculated Risk." Jerry is also talented as an advertising artist.

#### Cyndy Williams as Trina Stanley

Cyndy majored in theatre arts at Eastern Illinois University where she appeared in "The Miser," "Halloween," and others. Backstage she has directed and assisted in directing, and has worked at many backstage jobs as costuming, lighting, and sound. Cyndy is making her debut on the Red Mask Stage with this production.

#### Graham Green as Pat

Graham is a student at DHS. He is making his first appearance on the Red Mask stage with this role. Graham plans to continue his education pursuing an interest in science.

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Sponsor memberships are listed in the programs and are entitled to Class A privileges.

Each Red Mask play runs for two weekends, with a total of seven performances. The performances the first weekend are at 8:15 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. On the second weekend the performances are at 8:15 p.m. Thursday and Friday and at 5 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday.

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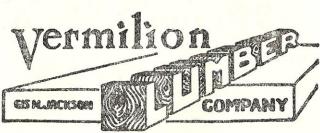
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