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Gaye Garner (Producer), Gregory Kent Duckett (Director), and Karen Reed (Stage Manager).

FROM THE DIRECTOR . . .

The Importance of Being Earnest is a classic farce which brings to the Red Mask stage a "period piece" which requires as much backstage work as on stage work to be effective. I thank the actors and stage manager for all their hard work both backstage and on stage. This piece which takes place many years ago, contains many characters that we can identify with. Although time may change our surroundings, many relationships and personalities remain the same. I hope you will enjoy our production as much as I have.

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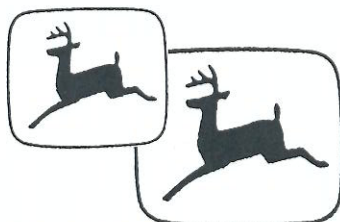
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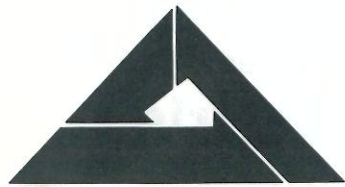
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DIRECTOR . . .

Gregory Kent Duckett

This is Gregory's first experience with Red Mask. Although he is no newcomer to theatre. He has directed for Danville Light Opera, Western Illinois University and Gregory Productions. Besides directing Gregory enjoys acting, singing, dancing, set and costume design. Among his favorite acting roles include Roy Hubley in *Plaza Suite*, Freddie in *Joe Egg*, Mayor Shinn in *The Music Man* and Lutz in *The Student Prince*. Gregory is the activity director at the Vermilion Manor Nursing Home where he enjoys creating meaningful activity for 249 special residents.

STAGE MANAGER . . .

Karen Reed

This is the first time Karen has worked a show for Red Mask. Karen is a member of the Board of Directors for Danville Light Opera, and enjoys all facets of theater. She obtained much of her appreciation for theatre from early years working at the old Palace and Fisher Theaters.

PRODUCER . . .

Gaye Garner

Gaye has been active in Red Mask since 1983 in all phases of on and off stage work, including acting, directing, stage managing and producing. She is married to fellow Red Masker David Garner and works as an attorney in the Public Defenders' office.



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CAST OF CHARACTERS . . . (IN ORDER OF APPEARANCE)

Algernon Moncrieff	John Dowers
John Worthing J.P.	Clif Wygant
Cecily Cardew	Tricia Reed
Hon. Gwendolen Fairfax	Amy Turner
Miss Prism	Donna Sant
Lady Bracknell	Alice Downing
Rev. Canon Chausible, D.D.	Dave Downing
Lane (April 7,8,9,14,15,16)	Kenneth Edel
Lane (April 21,22)	Jefferey L. Spann
Merriman	George Murrmann

ON STAGE . . .

DONNA SANT (Miss Prism): The role of Miss Prism is a far cry from Donna's last role as the New York cop in last fall's *Odd Couple*. She hopes her role of the English governess pays tribute to all the "Masterpiece Theatres" that her husband Edward makes her watch. Between Red Mask and PBS, Donna is manager of Waldenbooks.

ALICE DOWNING (Lady Bracknell): This is Alice's first time as a Red Mask player. Her other experiences were with Sunshine as a chorus member this past summer. She also enjoyed doing plays in high school in Mobile, Alabama. Alice is presently employed as a salesperson at Royal Donut. She is looking forward to more involvement with community theatre in the future.



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DAVID DOWNING (Rev. Chasible): This is Dave's first on stage performance for Red Mask. He has worked backstage on the last four Red Mask Productions, and on stage for 3 years for Sunshine II Productions, LTD. The last as Durdles in *The Mystery of Edwin Drood*. Dave is married in real life to Alice (Lady Bracknell) and they have four children. He is a systems technician for Illinois Bell.

JOHN DOWERS (Algernon): Commenting on why he probably won't do box office anymore: "My first thought when I got the part was 'Oh my God, what if all the people who think I gave them poor seats the past two shows bring tomatoes with them.'"

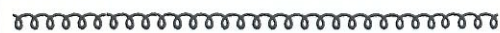
AMY TURNER (Gwendolen): Amy is one busy girl. This is her 2nd Red Mask play this year, and in her "spare" time she works at Hills and attends DACC. She plans to go away to school and major in theatre. Amy was last seen as Cindy in *To Gillian on Her 37th Birthday*.

KEN EDEL (Lane): Ken Edel is making his premier appearance with Red Mask. Having had no previous acting role other than elementary school skits, he plays the part of the manservant, Lane. Ken is originally from Savannah, GA, and has lived in Danville for six years. He is presently employed as a General Office Assistant with Danville Metal Stamping Co., Inc., and is also owner/manager of Creative Typing Services, a free-lance typing and consultation service. Ken is looking forward to future roles in Red Mask and other theatrical parts to develop his theatrical performance. Ken is married. He and his wife, Jane, have two children: Lauren, who is 14 mos. old, and Claire, who is 3 yrs. old.

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ON STAGE . . .

JEFFEREY L. SPANN (Lane): *The Importance of Being Earnest* marks his twelfth performance in Danville's theatrical sphere, however, this is the first time he has been seen on the Red Mask stage. Earlier shows include playing Danville founder, Dan Beckwith, in last summer's *Save Chicago*. He was last seen as being fat, bald, and "forty-ish" in Danville Light Opera's *1940's Radio Hour*. His hobbies include photography and writing. His first book entitled "Thoughts of a Madman" is being made ready for publication.

CLIF WYGANT (John): Clif is returning to Red Mask for his 2nd "adventure", having played Flint the D.A. in *Night of January 16th*. Clif is involved with Danville Light Opera with 9 shows there under his belt. Clif is a technician with Warner Cable of Danville and lives in Catlin with his wife Renee, a history major at DACC and his children, Jon 8, and Jenni 3.

TRICIA REED (Cecily): This is Tricia's first performance for Red Mask. She has been active in Danville Light Opera for four years. Last summer she played Mary Williams in Mr. Earl Hoffman's original play *Save Chicago* done by Community Players. She recently performed in a video with Barry Boyd Photography, adding a new dimension to her interests. This fall she will be attending college and plans to major in communications.

GEORGE MURRMANN (Merriman): George has been in one Red Mask play *I Never Sang for My Father*. Retired from the Commercial-News as a proofreader and Linotype operator, he is a volunteer at United Samaritans Medical Center, Logan Campus. George's wife, Danlita, works at Meis in the accessories department. They have two daughters, Susan and Anita.

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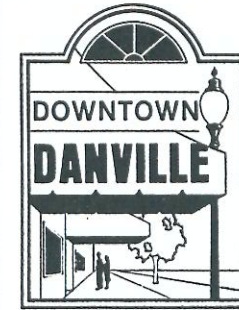


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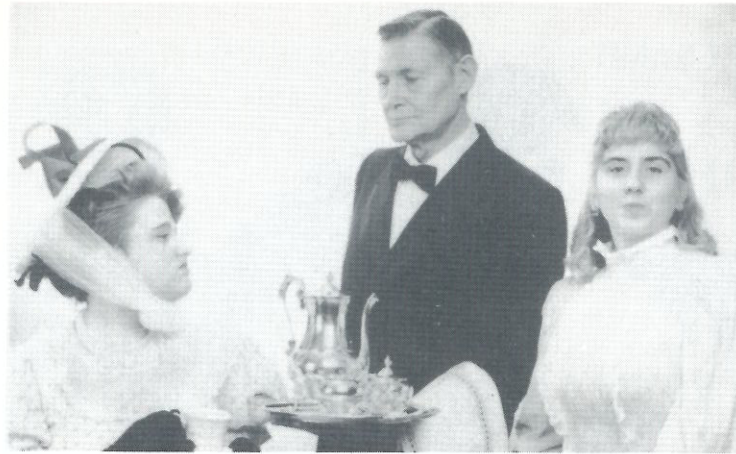
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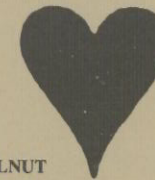
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