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*Red Mask Players Present*

# MY THREE ANGELS

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### Cast List

Felix Ducotel.....Robert Hous  
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### Scene

The action takes place in the family Ducotel's living room back of a general store in Cayenne, French Guiana, December 1910.



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Christmas Eve



Act Two  
Later that night

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Christmas morning

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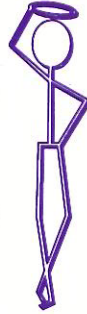
## From the President

It is my honor to serve as president of Red Mask during its 61st season. In the past couple of years, we have repainted the theater, had a new roof installed, reconfigured and refurbished our seats. This past summer, we featured our second one act play contest. Three original plays with loads of new actors and two new directors. We are a theater group on the move!

We are thrilled that you have joined us for the opening show of this season, We have a new director and several new actors in this show. We have mixed the old shows (**My Three Angels** and **The Rainmaker**) and new for this season (**Daddy's Dyin Who's Got the Will?**). Once again, a theater group on the move.

We invite you to sit back, enjoy the extra room you have with the new seating, and get ready for an evening of convicts, laughs, drama, pathos and a trained snake! (Don't worry. The snake only attacks those who have fallen asleep and are snoring.)

Edward S. Sant



## From the Director

This has been a year of firsts for me. It has been my pleasure to direct the first show of the 61st season for Red Mask. It was with some apprehension that I embarked on this adventure. I have been involved with many shows and have worn many hats in the last ten years but this is my first time directing a regular season show. (This past summer, for the first time, I directed a one act play.)

This show has a good mixture of seasoned veterans as well as newcomers to our stage. It has been my pleasure to work with all of them these past few weeks, watching them develop their character, giving them ideas to help their development, laughing with them over silly mistakes. I wish to express my appreciation of their efforts and thank every one of them for their hard work and dedication. This has been a wonderful experience for me and I have enjoyed it very much.

I also want to say "thank you" to my husband, Rod, and daughters, Dawn and Brandi, for putting up with the hours I've spent at the theater to bring this show together.

A big thanks to Ed Sant for designing the set and BJ Harvey for building it. I am very grateful for your hard work.

I know each of you will enjoy tonight's show thoroughly. As always, you are welcome to come back stage after the show to meet the cast.

Bev Nees

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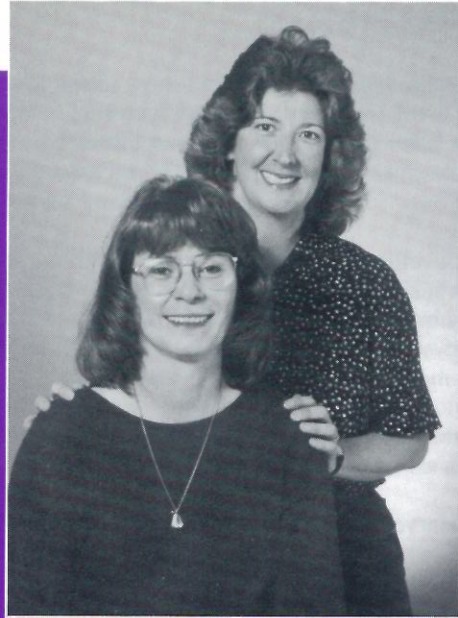
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### Production Team

**Bev Nees (Director)**—Bev has been actively involved with Red Mask for 10 years. She was most recently seen in **Harvey**. This past summer, she directed the one act play “**Take Me Tonight.**” She has also been a stage manager, producer, and worked props many times. She is on the Red Mask Board of Directors and is currently serving as Treasurer. Bev works at Palmer Bank and lives near Danville with her husband, Rod, daughters, Dawn and Brandi and cats, Shadow and Pepper.

**Mary Ann Laker (Stage Manager)**—Mary Ann returns as stage manager, after having done so for last season’s **Wait Until Dark**. Along with working backstage, she has also appeared onstage in several Red Mask shows. She was most recently seen as Veta Louise in **Harvey**. She especially enjoys working on shows with her talented husband, Dave. Together, they reside in Fithian with their devoted cat, Omaha.

**Harvey, the pooka (producer)**—After last year’s production of the show which bears his name, Harvey hung around, picking up odd jobs here and there. He is thankful to be employed at the theater as producer. He hopes wise investment of his salary from this show will allow him to retire at the end of the season.



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## On Stage



### **Robert Hous** (*Felix Ducotel*)

This season will be the 17th year of Bob's association with Red Mask Players. "Being on stage is fun but the part of Red Mask that my wonderful wife, Sherri, and I enjoy the most are all the extras that go along with being a part of this organization. Even my little daughter, Lauren, learned last year during **Harvey** that the theater is a fun place and with a bit of imagination, you can see the Bunny."

### **Donna Sant** (*Emilie Ducotel*)

Donna is happy to be back after taking a break from plays last year. She's been involved for 15 years with everything from props to Children's theater, to box office and acting. "I've worked with Bev many times. I'm very proud to be a part of her first regular season directing effort."

### **Shawna Atchison** (*Marie Louise Ducotel*)

Shawna is the daughter of Kevin Atchison and Star Andrews. She is currently enrolled in her second year at DACC. Next fall, Shawna plans to attend Columbia College in Chicago to pursue a career in media. This is Shawna's debut performance and is thrilled to have the chance to work with a wonderful cast and crew. "Thanks for this great opportunity!"

### **Susan Mathews** (*Madame Parole*)

Susan is thrilled to be in her first Red Mask production. Previously, she performed in DLO's **Once Upon a Mattress**. She moved from New York City where she worked in buying for Macy's. "**The World's Largest Department Store**." After hanging around a theater crowd, she became interested in acting. She would like to thank those friends for their support and everyone she has met here.

### **David E. Laker** (*Joseph*)

After 20 years (off and on) with Red Mask, David is glad to be in a show that combines his theatrical hobby with his professional life. Considering David is playing a convict, this may not be a good thing as David works at the Danville Correctional Center (Out on weekends for good behavior). In his spare time, David also works at Danville Book World and spends time with his wonderful wife, Mary Ann. (Another reason to be in this show. See Stage Manager) David was last seen on the Red Mask stage in the summer one acts and **Rumors** in 1994. He directed last season's **Wait Until Dark**.

### **Leonard "Sonny" Downing** (*Jules*)

Sonny recently began his 13th season on stage as he portrayed King Sextimus in DLO's production of **Once Upon a Mattress**. He thanks God, the source of all talent, his friends and peers, you, the audience, and his bride of 35 years, Sandy.

### **Chuck Pundt** (*Alfred*)

The 1997-1998 season begins the tenth season of Chuck's involvement with the Red Mask Players, and what better way to start off? With a great cast and crew, with faces both old and new, he is pleased to be given the opportunity to be involved with this show and thanks everyone involved for making it such an enjoyable and memorable experience.



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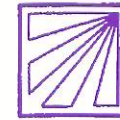
**Bryan Schroeder** (*Paul Trouchard*)—This is Bryan's first Red Mask production, and the experience has been absolutely phenomenal. He wishes to thank his lovely wife, Shawn, for insisting he pursue this diversion, because "He's always such a ham at home." When not at Red Mask, Bryan can be spied all over Danville, delivering mail for the United States Postal Service, or playing with his beautiful six month old daughter, Sarah Lou, who, according to him, is "very advanced." Bryan comes to Danville via Nashville, after a BS stopover at the University of Illinois.

**Karl Gnad** (*Lieutenant*)—Karl was unavailable for comment as the program went to press. Let us just say that Karl is thrilled to be in this show in any capacity after his performances last year. He would like to express his love and appreciation to (insert Heidi's name here) for the opportunity to be on stage. Karl works for (insert Champaign Mass Transit District here).

**Bob Kinsella** (*Henri Trouchard*)

Bob is a newcomer to both Danville and the Red Mask Players. He and his wife, Meg, moved to the community last year. They have two children. Bob wishes to thank his wife for the numerous sacrifices she endured to make this show possible for him.

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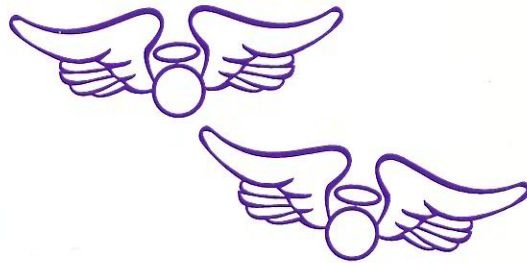
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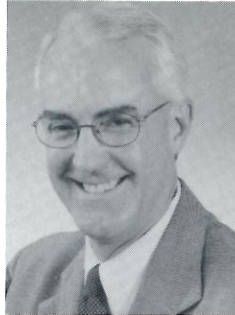
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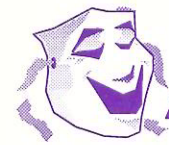
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