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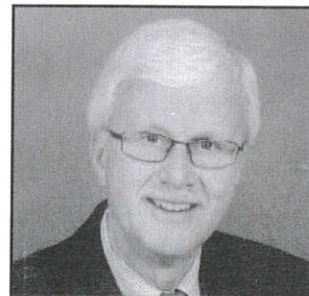
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Deathtrap

by Ira Levin

Presented by Dramatists Play Services, Inc.

A THRILLER IN TWO ACTS

TIME:

October 1978

SYNOPSIS OF SCENES

The action takes place in Sidney Bruhl's study, in the Bruhl home in Westport, Connecticut.

Act I: **Scene 1:** An afternoon in October

Scene 2: That evening

Scene 3: Two hours later

Act II: **Scene 1:** Two weeks later, morning

Scene 2: A week later, night

Scene 3: A week later, afternoon

There will be a 15 minute intermission between acts.

During intermission, restrooms and refreshments are available in the lower level of the theater.

Gift items are also available for purchase. 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.

CAST

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|-------------------------|---------------|
| Sidney Bruhl | Mark Learnard |
| Myra Bruhl..... | Theresa Tyner |
| Clifford Anderson | Ross Hilleary |
| Helga Ten Dorp..... | Melanie Clark |
| Porter Milgrim | Jim Rogers |



FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT...

Welcome to the third and final regular season show of our 79th season, *Deathtrap*. The last time this show was performed on the Red Mask stage was in 1983. In that production were actors who you know and might have seen in the past on stage including one who is very familiar to Danville.

The director is setting the time period of the show in 1978 and that does take me back to high school. Those were the days! The actors and all involved in this production have worked hard to give you an entertaining and thrilling performance.

During the run of *Deathtrap*, we will be handling out ballots for this year's nominees for the Board of Directors to replace three outgoing members as well as a Children's Rep. Besides myself, Nancy Henderson, Amy Hegg and Bryan Schroeder will be vacating the Board. I thank them for their time and dedication to the Red Mask Board. If you are a member, please vote. Your ballots may be placed in the ballot box at the back of the auditorium.

Thank you for your continued support throughout this past year and for many years to come.

Sue Harden, President
Red Mask Players, Inc.



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FROM THE DIRECTOR

Thank you for joining us for the final show of the 2015-2016 season. *Deathtrap* has always been one of the plays on my bucket list. It has everything I love: mystery, comedy, and above all murder. I am beyond thrilled with this dedicated and hard working group. *Deathtrap* is brought to life by a strong and talented group of actors. And backstage we have an amazing behind the scenes crew. Thinking outside the box, we have added live music during the play. We have also incorporated 2 art murals to our set, painted by 2 local artists. One main goal I've had as a director is to try and involve as many people as possible with this production. The *Deathtrap* production team has successfully brought in new fresh faces to Red Mask Players to blend with the familiar.

Deathtrap is set in 1978 Connecticut. It was a lot of fun creating a set to reflect the tastes and styles of 1978. Some fun facts about 1978: the Dallas Cowboys won Super Bowl XII; Jim Jones persuaded 909 followers to drink poisoned Kool Aid; Keith Moon died from an "accidental overdose"; Ben & Jerry's opened their first ice cream parlor in Vermont; the first Test Tube Baby was born; The Deer Hunter won the Oscar for Best Picture; the top 4 most popular tv shows are: 4) Threes Company, 3) Mork & Mindy, 2) Happy Days, 1) Laverne & Shirley; and the music dominating the charts was the Grease Soundtrack, the Bee Gees, and Gloria Gaynor's "I Will Survive".

So sit back and relax, and try not to wear out the edge of your seat!

Drake Taylor

Director

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CAST



PERPETRATOR: Mark Learnard aka Sidney Bruhl

PRIOR CONVICTIONS: *La Cage aux Folles* (2015); *Angel Street* (2006); *The Elephant Man* (2005); *How to Succeed in Business without Really Tying* (2001); *Damn Yankees* (1999)

ARREST DATE: 1st Red Mask appearance since 2006

ACCOMPLICES: Special thank you goes to Lori (wife) & Mindy (daughter)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Mark Learnard & Sidney Bruhl are NOT the same person.



PERPETRATOR: Theresa Tyner aka Myra Bruhl

GUILTY: Being an Indiana Native, 1st Play with Red Mask Players

PRIORS: Honey in *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf*; Paulina in *Death of the Maiden*

ALIAS: Poor Myra; Library Director at Danville Public Library

MOTIVE: She couldn't help herself



PERPETRATOR: Ross Hilleary aka Clifford Anderson

ALIAS: Urban planner, City of Danville

PREVIOUS CHARGES: LPTC's *Alice in Wonderland* (2009); Red Mask *Christmas Play*

NEXT OF KIN: Would like to thank my parents, MaryAnn & Greg, for supporting my dreams for 25 years and my friends for always being there when I needed them

GUILTY OR NOT GUILTY: You will never know

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CAST



PERPETRATOR: Melanie Clark aka Helga Ten Dorp

CHARGE: 1st time on the Red Mask stage

PRIOR CONVICTIONS: Last seen as Mamma Bear & Blind Mouse #3 in DLO's *Shrek the Musical*

KNOWN ACCOMPLICES: Husband Steve, children Sarah & Josh

ACCOMPLICES: "The Boston Boys" - Maxwell P. Wigglebottom III; Esq. & Corby "Butter Bean" Clark



PERPETRATOR: Jim Rogers aka Porter Milgrim

PREVIOUS RECORD: Daryl Zanuck in *Subpoena Envy*, Ira Watson from *I Bet Your Life*, Carl with *Flaming Idiots*, and Dr. Einstein in *Arsenic & Old Lace*

ALIAS: Mr. Rogers at Edison Elementary

ACCOMPLICES: Lisa (wife) & Rebecca (daughter) - Thanks girls!



CREW



PERPETRATOR: Drake Taylor aka Director

PREVIOUS CHARGES: actor in *The Miss Firecracker Contest*, *Mary Poppins*, and *The Miracle Worker*

PRIOR CONVICTIONS: last directed 3 Summer One Act plays (2015) and *I Bet Your Life* (2014)

KNOWN ASSOCIATES: Patrick Linn & Ladybug

SPECIAL TATTOOS OR GANG AFILIATIONS: Lauren & Maureen for keeping me sane and grounded



PERPETRATOR: Maureen K. Niedenthal aka Producer

PREVIOUS RECORD: Mona in *Amateurs* (2014); Harriet from *Dad's Christmas Miracle* (2015); Shirley in *Early One Evening at the Rainbow Bar & Grille* (April 14-16, 2016 at Danville Boat Club)

GUILTY: Adding a plug for an upcoming show

WEAPONS OF CHOICE: Cameras, Kitchen-Aid Mixer, & Cork Screws . . . and she's not afraid to use them!

ENEMIES: Daylight savings time & alarm clocks

ACCOMPLICES: Drake Taylor - asked Maureen to join the gang on this creative project. Thanks! Mark Niedenthal is guilty of aiding and abetting his wife. Without him, she might have difficulty working on one play and being in another. If convicted, she hopes they'll share a comfy cell together



PERPETRATOR: Lauren Hous aka Stage Manager

PREVIOUS OFFENSES: *Diary of Anne Frank*; *You Can't Take it with You* (DACC, 2012); *Summer Stock* (2015)

ALIAS: Ms. Hous, English/ Drama teacher at Salt Fork High School

ACCOMPLICES: Bob & Sherri Hous (parents); Drake Taylor (ring leader)

WEAPONS OF CHOICE: Sharp Tongue & sharper wit

GUILTY OF ALL CHARGES - WANTED DEAD OR ALIVE



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 15-17

Ragtime by DACC Players at Bremer Theater

April 23-24, 30 & May 1

Little Shop of Horrors by Danville Light Opera at DACC Bremer Theater

April 30

Deadline for Director Applications for 2016-2017 Red Mask productions.

Ordinary People - a drama by Judith Guest

Auditions Sept. 12-13, 2016 at 7:00 pm

Performances Sept. 4, 5, 11, 12 at 8:00 pm & Sept. 6, 13 at 2:00 pm

The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940 - a comedy by John Bishop

Auditions Dec. 5-6, 2016 at 7:00 pm

Performances Jan. 27, 28, Feb. 4, 5 at 8:00 pm & Jan. 29, Feb. 6 at 2:00 pm

Proof - a drama by David Auburn

Auditions Feb. 6-7, 2017 at 7:00 pm

Performances March 31, April 1, 7, 8 at 8:00 pm & Apr. 2, 9 at 2:00 pm

May 9-13

Storybook Reunion Murders (Red Mask Children's Show)

School Performances during school day

May 13

Storybook Reunion Murders - Public Performance 7:00 pm

May 14

Storybook Reunion Murders - Public Performances

2:00 pm & 7:00 pm

Dec. 1-4

It's a Wonderful Life (Red Mask Christmas Show)



In the program for *The Miss Firecracker Contest*, Mr. Greg Duckett was in charge of costume design and construction. His name was inadvertently omitted from the program.

Anyone interested in working backstage, lights, sounds, props, box office, ushering, set construction, etc. for any of next season's shows, send an email to www.redmaskplayers.com or call (217) 442-5858 and leave your name and number.



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T Red Mask Players presented *Deathtrap* 33 years ago. Barbara Strover directed this exciting play starring Bob Tolliver, Debbie Tolliver, Scott Eisenhauer, Nancy Nichols, and Jim Knoblauch.

R *Deathtrap* takes place in 1978. Let's go back 38 years to remember those days ...

- Sony Walkman was invented
- 'Hotel California' by the Eagles was record of the year
- Jimmy Carter was our President.
- Ben & Jerry opened their first ice cream parlor in Burlington, Vermont
- The 1st test tube baby was born
- You could buy a Radio Shack Tandy TRS80 Computer for \$399.00
- The Garfield comic strip was first published
- Illinois Bell Company introduced first ever Cellular Mobile Phone System
- Space Invaders launched Craze for Computer Video Games
- Popular films included Grease, Saturday Night Fever, Close Encounters of the Third Kind, National Lampoon's Animal House, Jaws 2, Heaven Can Wait, Star Wars Episode IV: A New Hope, Revenge of the Pink Panther, and The Deer Hunter



BEHIND THE SCENES

| | |
|---------------------------------|---|
| Director | Drake Taylor |
| Stage Manager..... | Lauren Hous |
| Producer..... | Maureen Niedenthal |
| Production Assistant | Patrick Linn |
| Set Designer | Drake Taylor |
| Set Construction..... | Kenny Harden |
| Lighting Design | Patrick Linn |
| Light Technician..... | Lynnette Hodges |
| Sound Technician | Bryan McDaniels |
| Live Musical Accompaniment..... | Chris Huffman |
| Music Master | Tom Greathouse |
| Prop Master | Sara Todd |
| Props..... | Jamey Coutant, Anna Dancey, Sarah Mills, Carolyn Rogers |
| Fight Choreographer | Kurt Willer |
| Wardrobe | Lisa Bueter |
| Make Up..... | Amy Snyder |
| Hair..... | Sarah Mills |
| House Manager | Brittany Powell |
| Box Office..... | Nancy Henderson, Donna Sant |
| Casting | Drake Taylor, Lauren Hous, Amy Hegg |
| Photography | Bricie Troglia Photography |
| Program/Publicity | Bryan Schroeder, Joel Ferren |
| Board Liason | Bryan Schroeder |

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| Understudy for Sidney Bruhl..... | Chris Huffman |
| Understudy for Myra Bruhl..... | Sarah Mills |
| Understudy for Clifford Anderson | Lynnette Hodges |
| Understudy for Helga Tin Dorp..... | Sara Todd |
| Understudy for Porter Milgrim | Patrick Linn |

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| Barn Scene Mural | Brittany McDaniels |
| French Doors Mural | Mike Harper |

SPECIAL THANKS

Donna Linn, MaryAnn Hilleary, Champaign Urbana Theatre Company, JoAnn Fabric, Abby Bueter, Karrin Estes, Lauren Powell, Brookelyn Powell, Theresa Curtis, Debbie Prentice, Dean Carlton

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2016/2017 RED MASK SEASON

Fall 2016:

Ordinary People

A drama by Nancy Pahl Gilsonan from the novel by Judith Guest.

Winter 2017:

The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940

A comedy by John Bishop.

Spring 2017:

Proof

A drama by David Auburn.



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