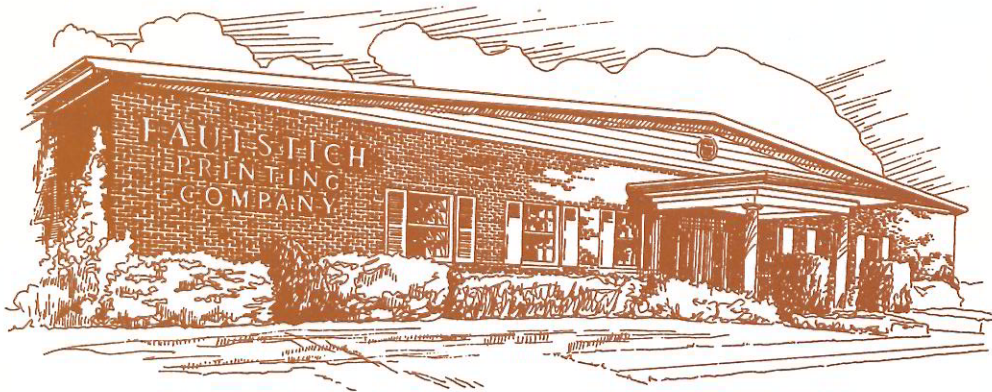


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CAST

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Basil Bennett
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From the President

There is an old adage that says, the busier you are the faster time flies. That most certainly rings true for me this season at the theater. It seems like only yesterday we were having auditions for **THE ODD COUPLE** and now we are performing the last adult show of the season.

Lisa Lovelace and cast and crew of **THE CURIOUS SAVAGE** did an absolutely fantastic job of presenting one of the classic pieces of American Theater. It truly was a most enjoyable evening of community theater at it's best, but now it is time for **THE DIVINERS**.

Bill and his crew have worked very hard to bring a technically difficult piece of theater to life on our stage, and I am very fortunate to be part of it. I am sure that all of you will be talking about this production for a long time.

In closing I would like to thank my board members, fellow thespians and friends for making my year as president a most enjoyable and rewarding experience. However, I would be remiss if I didn't thank the people who make all of this madness possible, you, our patrons and angels. Thank you again.

So sit back and meet the Layman family and friends. I am sure you will enjoy the play as much as we have enjoyed bringing it to you.

Dave

P.S. Doesn't the canopy look great!!!

From the Director

It has been a long difficult winter...at least for me. From temperatures reaching record highs on one day and then bottoming out the next, my legs are screaming, **STOP!** But the one thing that has kept me going is the pleasure and privilege I've been granted by working on this show for Red Mask.

I often wonder if people realize what a gem Red Mask is for Danville. Danville can be proud that it supports one of the oldest community theater organizations in the state. In this world of high-tech instant gratification, society needs theater more than ever. Theater improves high school test scores, it reduces crime, it relieves stress...of course, none of these claims are scientific, but I think they are true.

The Diviners is a special piece of theater with a very special message. All of those who have worked on this production have hurdled many obstacles to bring this play to life. I hope everyone carries away something wonderful with them, whether he/she is cast, crew, or audience member.

I would not presume to slap you with my interpretation of the central message, but if you leave here and look to those around you and realize you are blessed, we have succeeded.

William Satterfield

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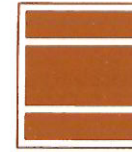
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Director—William Satterfield

William thanks everyone he has met at Red Mask for his/her friendship since he auditioned for his first play in 1989. Special thank-yous to 'Dave squared' and Mary Ann for keeping him from killing himself with a rock, the cast and crew for their insight, and his mother...this one's for her.

Co-Producers—Wendy Barnes and Marty Downing

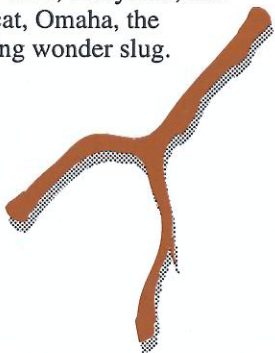
The Barnes and Downing team is at it again. Wendy has worked backstage in several capacities for several Red Mask plays. When not at Red Mask she is challenging young minds as a teacher at DHS and is a part time therapist.

This is Marty's second time around for co-producing this season. She figures that if she is to see her husband she might as well get involved. On her off hours she is a Title I Math teacher at Northeast Elementary Magnet School. Thanks to Mary Ann for doing a great job of recruiting people and thanks most of all to my husband, Dave.

Stage Manager—David E. Laker

Since 1974, Dave has had a wonderful association with Red Mask. Currently serving on the Red Mask Board as its 2nd Vice-President, David has fun on stage, backstage, as a director and make-up. David is also a former Jean Lewis Scholarship winner.

When not at Red Mask, Dave works at the Danville Correctional Center (week-ends off for good behavior) and Danville Book World. What little spare time Dave can find, he spends with his lovely wife, MaryAnn, and their cat, Omaha, the amazing wonder slug.



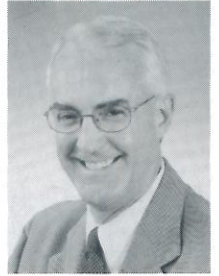
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ON STAGE

Buddy Layman-Christopher Kearby

This is Christopher's first performance and he is really looking forward to it. He has been performing in high school plays and musicals since he was nine years old. He has played roles of Captain Von Trapp in **The Sound of Music**, Kenickie in **Grease**; Jack in **Charley's Aunt**, and many more roles that he will never forget. He loves everything about theater and hopes to always stay involved in it. He would like to thank his family and friends for their support and encouragement all his life and most important, God, for giving him the incredible gift of life.

Jennie Mae Layman-Jennifer Lee

Jennifer is very excited to be in her first Red Mask play. An English major at DACC, Jennifer was last seen as Shirley in TFO's **5th of July** last summer. She has also been seen in many shows at DHS, Beef House Dinner Theater, Theater Splatt and DLO. Jennifer would like to thank her parents and Tanner for their love and support.

Darlene Henshaw-Courtney Ann Pollman

Courtney is thrilled to be on the Red Mask stage, her first with **The Diviners**. She has been a Georgetown-Ridgefarm High School Drama Club member for the last three years. Courtney has also been active with the 1st Church of Christ drama team and Improvisational Theater as well. Courtney would like to thank her parents for saving her something to eat after practice, her best friend, David, for all of the encouragement, and Bob Evans Restaurant for being so co-operative with her work schedule. Semper Fi!

Melvin Wilder-Bryan Schroeder

This is Bryan's 54th season of involvement with Red Mask. Would you believe his 53rd? His last two seasons have been his most enjoyable, however. He appeared as weenie-boy, Paul, in **My Three Angels**, portrayed a blind Cubs fan (!) in last summer's **Bleacher Bums** (a TFO production), and was seen earlier this season as Felix in **The Odd Couple** (thanks to his stage manager for being The Best Oscar). After finishing his day job of installing picture windows in tanks, Bryan comes home to his wonderful family of wife, Shawn, and daughter, Sarah, and their resident ghost, who has yet to fully reveal his/her identity. Finally, Bryan would like to encourage all people to become involved in their community. Because without community, we would all be alone together. Two Mics and a Busch!

Dewey Maples- Mark Gray

This is Mark's first acting performance. When he's not studying the script, he slaves at Waldenbooks for his mean evil boss. He loves music and played in a band for awhile. Mark would like to thank David Laker for asking him to come to Red Mask and his support.

Norma Henshaw-Lori Zellers

This is Lori's first show with Red Mask and she is excited to have this opportunity. She has performed in the past with DLO, BHD, CUTC, and VGCT. Some of her favorite roles include Elsa in **The Sound of Music** and BB in **Murder is a Game**. She has also been in commercials and two films. She teaches K-4 general music and 5-8 choir in Catlin. She is also actively involved with Girl Scouts, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, and is a camp counselor and summer College for Kids instructor. She wants to be a writer when she grows up, and has been published many times. She has recently discovered the art of tattooing, and has a dolphin and a carousel—two of her "passions". (Don't worry Mom, I'm done!) Lotsa love to all my friends for always being there for me.

C.C. Showers-Vern Bergkoetter

Sometimes when the theater bug bites, it really bites. Vern appeared in **The Odd Couple** last fall and couldn't wait to give it another go. He is especially excited to be on stage with David and Sonny Downing, who have been his past directors, encouragers, and mentors. Vern would like to thank his family, especially his daughter, Sheila, who has patiently supported him in rediscovering a passion of his youth—performing on stage.

Goldie Short-Mary Ann Laker

Mary Ann returns to the Red Mask stage after appearing as Gwendolyn Pigeon in this season's **The Odd Couple**. She also appeared in last summer's production of **Talking With**. She would like to thank her wonderful husband and lovely cat for all their love and support.

Ferris Layman-Dave Downing

"For Joy, For Joy" Dave was heard to say." Not only was I cast in a role I really wanted, but also I get to share the stage with one of my best friends, Big Brother, Sonny." Dave is a Red Mask veteran and is currently President of the Red Mask Board of directors. He has portrayed many roles on stage, as well as directing, producing, and stage-managing. Dave directed **The Odd Couple** (our first offering of the season) as well as Neil Simon's **Rumors** and his first endeavor, **Ravenscroft**." He wants to thank Director Bill, stage manager, Dave, for their help and support. However, my biggest thanks goes to my biggest fan (and the prettiest), my wife, Marty.

Basil Bennett-Sonny Downing

On the heels of **Rainmaker** and **My Three Angels**, Sonny is thankful for the opportunity to once again join a very talented cast on the Red Mask stage. Sonny says, "I always look for the message when I read a script. In this case, it took me about three readings. And as is often the case, I found that the writer had carefully woven the essence of eleven individuals into the simple but sometimes complicated fabric of life's experience. It will take all of our God given talent to make it work. But in the resounding words of Basil... 'A man works, and a man waits...and in the interim, he calls it a blessing'". Sonny wishes to thank director Bill and crew for their confidence. He also thanks his lovely wife, Sandy, for her patience and support.

Luella Bennett-Sara Hunt

Sara was born and raised in Southern Indiana "just a holler, not a fair piece from Zion." Although this is her first appearance on stage, she is no newcomer to Red Mask. She caught the "theater bug" from her two sons, John and Ben, and has done practically every backstage job there is to do in children's theater. She has performed with Amalgamated Unicorn and currently serves on the Red Mask Board. In the daytime, you can find her on the top floor of Cannon School teaching third grade. Sara would like to thank all her Red Mask and St James-Keystone friends who encouraged her to do this. She would especially like to thank her husband, Henry, for his love and support (and for his help in doing The Asides all season).

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