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Red Mask Players Present

Wait Until Dark

Produced by special arrangement with Dramatists Play Service.



Cast List

Mike Talman.....	Ed Devore
Sgt. Carlino.....	Dave Downing
Harry Roat , Jr.....	Chuck Pundt
Susy Hendrix.....	Tairita Waite
Sam Hendrix.....	Randy A. Lakey
Gloria.....	Whitney Shutes
Officer O'Hara.....	Marty Downing
Officer Kennedy.....	Rex Copsy

Synopsis of Scenes

The action takes place in a basement apartment in Greenwich Village.

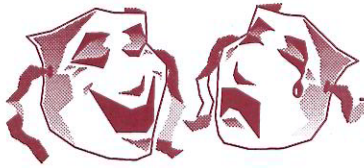
ACT I

Scene 1 Friday evening
 Scene 2 Saturday afternoon
 Scene 3 Twenty minutes later

ACT 2

Scene 1 About and hour later
 Scene 2 A few minutes later

There will be a fifteen minute intermission between acts.
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From The President



Edward S. Sant
President
Red Mask Players

I hope you all had a good holiday and are well rested from the hustle and bustle of the season. This is Red Mask's middle show of their 60th year and one that we've done before. It's riveting message and conflicts are as relevant today as they were when this show first came out. A talented cast and crew are about to do their best to scare the wits out of you or at least try to send a little shiver up your spine. Sit back and enjoy the ride I am sure it's one you'll never forget.



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From The Director

As I write this letter I find it suddenly and terribly hard to express my feeling and thoughts on this the second show of Red Mask's 60th season and my "official" debut as a director. I can honestly say I owe a debt of thanks to my past directors for your knowledge and styles. I used a little of all of you in my text book.

To Liz Miller for casting me in my first Red Mask show, I can never thank (blame?) her enough.

To the memory of Jean Lewis, though I never worked with her, I feel her presence and reputation constantly on my shoulder.

To the cast and crew of "Wait Until Dark", Thank You for your time, talent and effort on this show. Thank you for putting up with my insecurities and yet still believing in the show and me 100%. Last advice gang, you are wonderful!

To my Producer, Bev Nees, my set builder "B. J. Harvey", my wife and Stage Manager Mary Ann, thank you for your support, work, friendship, advice and love. I truly could not have done this without you.

Lastly to the audience, enjoy. I have.

Thank you.
David C. Laker





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Production Team

DAVID E. LAKER - Director

Since the 1974 production of "The Curious Savage" (thanks Liz) David has appeared on (and off) stage in numerous Red Mask productions. Last seen in "Rumors" David is a former Jean Lewis Scholarship winner, a two time Katy winner and is finishing his third year on the Red Mask Board of Directors. "Wait Until Dark" marks David "official" debut as a director and thanks John Mark III for his unofficial debut as a director. When not at the theater David is employed at the Danville Department of Corrections in the food service department and part time at Danville Book World. It is rumored that David selected his lovely wife Mary Ann as stage manager for this show just so they could spend some time together.



MARY ANN LAKER - Stage Manager

Mary Ann is thrilled to be stage managing this show as her husband Dave happens to be the director. Mary Ann was last seen in "Harvey" as Veta Louise. She has also appeared in "Rumors", "Social Security" and the summer one act "Prime Time". She has also worked backstage for "Murder in the Magnolias", "Lost in Yonkers" and "Crimes of the Heart". Mary Ann works at First of America Bank and in her "spare time" she goes home and feeds her loving cat, Omaha.

BEV McCALLISTER NEES - Producer

Even though I have worn many hats and have done many things to help in various shows, this is my first time as a Producer. It's an exciting and busy job as I have found out. In my other life I am wife to Rod and mother to Dawn and Brandi plus I still find time to work at Palmer Bank.



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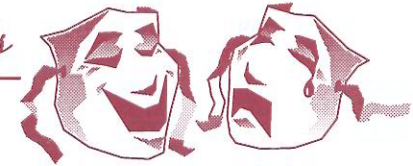
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On Stage

TAIRITA WAITE - Susy Hendrix

When Tairita arrived in Danville just two years ago, she immediately took to the stage, appearing in DLO'S production of "Oliver" as Nancy. Her first experience at Red Mask was back stage duties for "Rumors", then on stage as a sharp witted police lieutenant in "Fatal Attractions". She continues her enjoyment of theater as the heroine in tonights show. The mother of two beautiful, angelic and "FINALLY sleeping through the night" children, she wishes to extend an enormous thank you to her husband John for all of his support.

ED DEVORE - Mike Talman

Ed first appeared in a Red Mask production of five years ago, "Reckless" and has since had three stage appearances. He has performed in all capacities back stage and served as a board member. "Wait Until Dark" has provided his first opportunity to perform a serious role and while the experience has been slightly different, it has been no less exciting and enjoyable. Ed is employed at Danville Metal Stamping and has two children, Rachel and Aaron, who also enjoy the performing arts. He wishes to thank his family and friends for their help and support during this production and the cast for making this hobby a great experience.

DAVE DOWNING - Sgt. Carlino

Two seasons ago Dave D. had the opportunity to direct Dave L. in "Rumors"; now the roles are reversed and the Dave squared are at it again. "I have really enjoyed working with Dave again, and I think Red Mask has a new solid director for years to come" the other Dave was heard to say. Dave is currently serving as second vice president of the Red Mask board and he is slated to direct "Once Upon a Mattress" for DLO in the spring. Dave would like to thank the cast and crew for their help and support but his biggest thanks goes to his biggest fan and loving bride, Marty.

RANDY A. LAKEY - Sam Hendrix

Randy is in his second Red Mask production, having previously played Barnette Lloyd in "Crimes of the Heart". He also has played Oberon in "A Midsummers Night Dream". Randy is an associate attorney for the law firm of Doyle and Tuggle. He graduated from Purdue University in 1989 and Creighton Law School in 1992. Originally from Indianapolis, Randy has lived in Danville since 1993. He would like to thank his 8 children and 3 ex-wives for their never-ending support.

WHITNEY SHUTES - Gloria

This is my first opportunity to be in a Red Mask play. So far I'm having a lot of fun. When I'm not practicing for the play I'm practicing piano or doing school work. I'm in 5th grade MATS at East Park. I have two sisters and three brothers that are added distractions but I still find time to play and visit with my friends and family.



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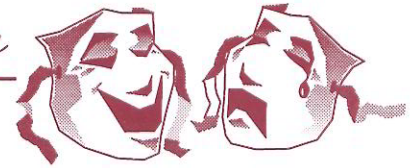
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MARTY DOWNING - Officer O'Hara

After appearing in "Wake Me No Wake" in the summer one acts of 1995, Marty didn't think she would get on stage again. She attributes her return to the support of her friends and family and especially her father, Walter Ahrens, for encouraging her to go outside her comfort zone. She has one son, Jeff, four stepchildren and two grandchildren. Her days are filled with children at Douglas School where she teaches math. She thanks her wonderful husband, Dave, for all of his encouragement and support.

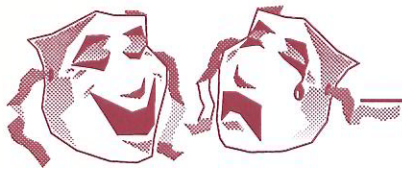
REX COPSY - Officer Kennedy

Rex is 16 and attends Danville High School. This is his first Red Mask production but hopes to make it a new hobby.

CHUCK PUNDT - Harry Roat Jr.

Chuck had often wondered in the past if he would ever be typecast. Now he finds that he has been, to an extent, but he's not complaining. That's because he is usually cast in odd roles, but he enjoys them more due to their depth and complexity. His other stage credits include "Rumors", "Arsenic and Old Lace" and last years "Early One Evening at the Rainbow Bar & Grill".





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Scholarship

Red Mask's Board of Directors is a happy to announce that once again, Red Mask will be awarding the Jean Lewis Scholarship, in the amount of \$500, to an area high school senior, community college, or college student planning to, or already pursuing, a major in theater or a directly-related field, such as speech, oral interpretation, or radio-television. Information and application forms can be obtained from area high school counselors, or speech and drama teachers.

At Danville Area Community College, application forms are available from the Communications Dept., the Counseling Office, or the Financial Aid Office.

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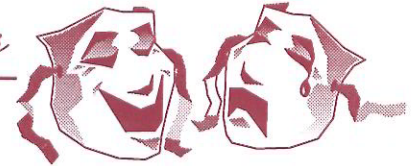
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Stage Manager.....	Mary Ann Laker
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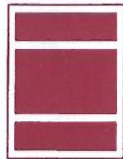
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