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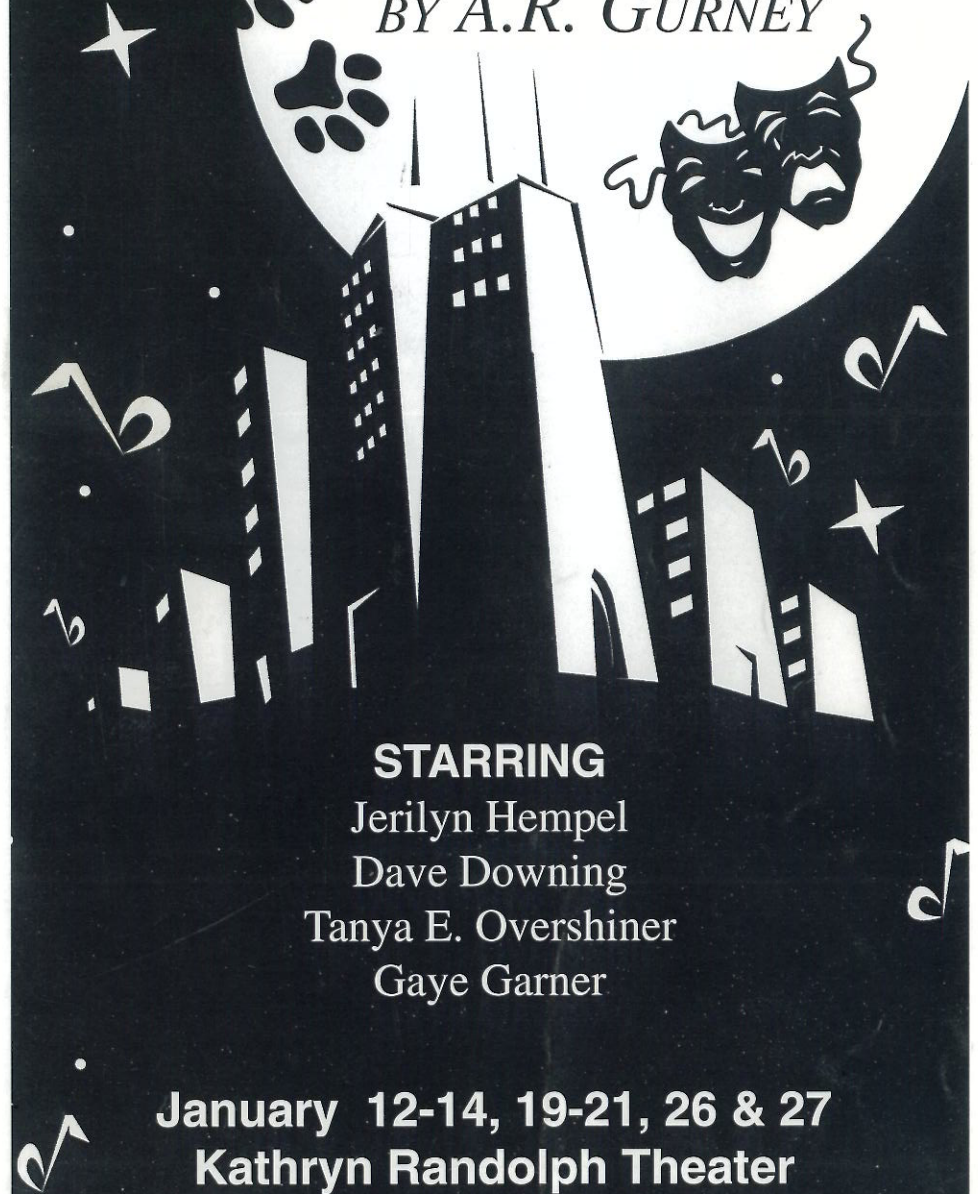
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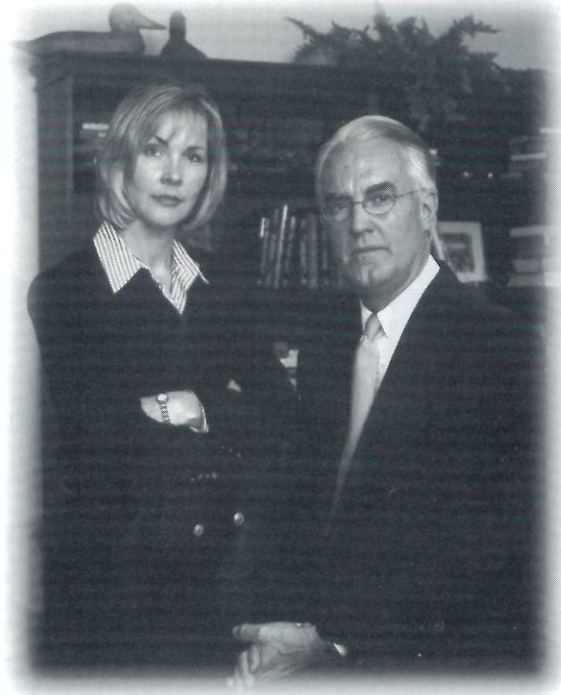
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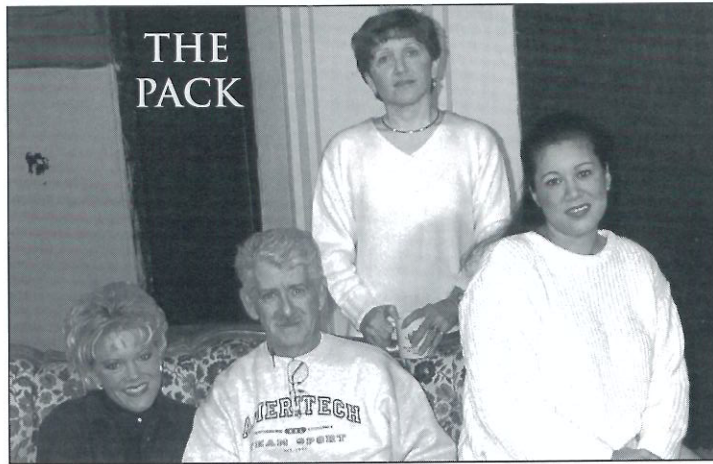
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FROM THE PRESIDENT

It has been my experience that the "best plays" not only entertain an audience, but leave the audience with something more. For me, well, I already stated that I thought this show was one of the funniest shows I have read in recent years. After seeing this show in rehearsal I can say it's even funnier. However, (and you knew there would be something like that) while watching this show in progress, I started to think of the two furry friends of my past. A Beagle named Friskie and most recently a Huskie/German Shepherd mix named Tasha. All of a sudden this show took on a different meaning.

My thanks to Ed, his cast and crew for their hard work and for giving this stage a show of great warmth and hilarity that should charm the strongest cat lover or even fish fancier. My thanks as well to Ed & Company for evoking the memories of my former pets. And making me realize how much I miss them. (Don't tell my cat.)

I am confident that you our audience will love **Sylvia** as much as I do.

Enjoy,
David E. Laker



FROM THE DIRECTOR

It's the middle of winter and probably a very middle of winter kind of day. That is why I am thrilled to be presenting to you a comedy that I am sure will melt the ice in your frozen soul. **Sylvia** first caught my eye a few years back when it was part of the play reading committees' selection. At that time it didn't make the final cut but I knew that it would eventually make it to Red Mask's stage. What enchanted me so to do **Sylvia** was the writing and the fact that it dealt with a subject that next to nobody could ignore - DOGS! Having a dog of my own I was able to visualize just how to present this great show on stage, without resorting to cutesy dog-like antics. I simply watched my own miniature Schnauzer, Sophie, and realized that she was very much like **Sylvia**. Who, amongst us that has ever owned a dog, has not had a conversation with it? Some of us may just take that a tad farther and actually can hear the dog's response. So I watched Soph and her little idiosyncrasies and merely expounded upon them to form the basis of our show.

I was fortunate, as I always am with Red Mask actors, to have found the perfect cast. Without the input and ideas that this wonderful ensemble has bestowed upon me this show wouldn't be nearly the show that it is. Usually when I direct, I dictate who goes where, for what reason and why, but with this show I left much of the movement and characterization up to the cast and they came through incomparably. Jerilyn Hempel has proved to be, yet again, an absolute delight to work with. Her comic timing and intuitiveness for reacting is the best you can find. Then there is Mr. Downing, who once told me that he'd wanted to "experience my direction". At the time I thought he was sucking up for a part. Dave has been a G.D. jewel to work with, always professional, always there with the suggestion, idea, or helping hand. I didn't think Oscar and I would last through a whole show but Dave has delightfully proved me wrong, though I wouldn't admit that to his face. Our cast is rounded out with Tanya Overshiner whose portrayal of the jealous wife who cannot abide **Sylvia** is done with such panache and flair. When we started rehearsing I had to beg her to be more of a bitch. Her role is the perfect accompaniment to Dave and Jerilyn's. For the parts of Tom, Phyllis, and Leslie, I wasn't quite sure if I should go with three different actors or one, as the script called for. Where would I find a versatile enough person to assume all three roles and do it convincingly enough to be believable? Then Gaye Garner showed up at try-outs and I knew that I had my 3 in 1 punch. Gaye has come to every rehearsal and been believable from the start, her nuances and gestures complimenting each of her characters to a tee. To keep this talented mix on their marks and in line I was awarded Sue Harden as the penultimate Stage Manager. Her ability to keep things flowing smoothly and to make sure every nook and cranny is covered, must be a reflection upon her own inner organization. To her I owe much of this show. Lastly, I need to thank my wife, Donna Sant for stepping up to the bat and taking over the role of Producer. When I started thinking about this show I thought it was pretty simple and straight forward, minimal set, some lighting, a little sound, how wrong I was! If it weren't for Donna pulling together sound and prop people I would have probably been committed to the loony bin by now!

So sit back, the theater's nice and warm, and enjoy an evening of something just a little bit on the raucous side, a tad on the bawdy, and totally on the hysterical.

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Director



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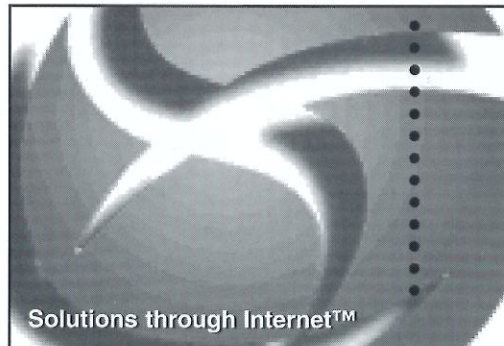
Edward S. Sant (Director)

This is Ed's fourth time directing for Red Mask Players. His previous efforts include the interesting and different **The Company of Wayward Saints**, Neil Simon's **Lost in Yonkers** and **Here Lies Jeremy Troy**. Ed began his relationship with Red Mask back in 1976 when as a high school student he began working backstage doing props and helping the incomparable Jean Lewis with children's theater. This makes Ed (next to Dave Laker) one of the oldest participating Red Maskers. Ed has also appeared numerous times on Red Mask's stage having last been seen as *Elwood P. Dowd* in **Harvey**. He has also appeared in **The Gingerbread Lady**, **You Can't Take It With You**, **Squabbles**, **LuAnn Hampton Laverty Oberlander**, and **Rumors**. When not devoting most of his time to Red Mask, Ed can be found at OfficeMax as supervisor of their CopyMax department.



Sue Harden (Stage Manager)

Well, well...I can't believe it's been a year since I last stage-managed. Time does fly. I'm glad to be back and have the chance to stage manage for Ed "Ted" Sant. I have been in two productions with Ted, **Rumors** and **Wake Me No Wake** and have acted under his direction in **Here Lies Jeremy Troy**. All three were enjoyable and I know this one will be also. We have a wonderful cast and crew who are a delight to work with. What else can I say, I'm tickled pink to be working back stage again. I would like to thank Ted for choosing me as his stage manager, his lovely wife, Donna, for producing and my husband, Mr. H. for his love and support.



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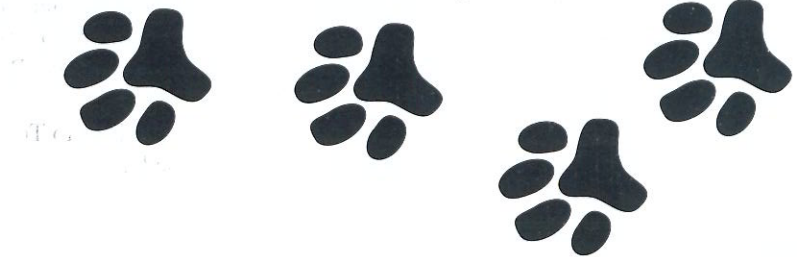
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Donna Sant (Producer)

This is Donna's 20th year with the Red Mask Players. She has served in every capacity backstage (except set construction - that wouldn't be pretty!) and has appeared in a number of productions with **Bus Stop**, **Ravenscroft**, **Lost in Yonkers**, and **Crimes of the Heart** being among her favorites. Donna is currently serving as 1st Vice President of the Red Mask Board of Directors, and will be co-directing the children's spring play. *Sylvia* is particularly fun for her, because her *Sylvia* is really the infamous miniature Schnauzer, Sophie.



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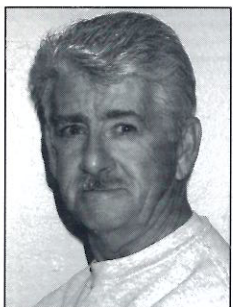


Jerilyn Hempel (*Sylvia*)

Jerilyn looks forward to returning to the Red Mask stage, after a six-year hiatus. She was first introduced to theater in 1992. Her debut performance was in the Red Mask production of **Rumors**. Jerilyn last appeared on the Red Mask stage in **How the Other Half Loves**, for which she received a Katy award.

During the past six years, Jerilyn has appeared in theatre productions from Illinois to Florida. The highlight of Jerilyn's theater background was a series of murder mysteries she performed for New York Productions Inc. in Hollywood, Florida. When she's not entertaining on stage, Jerilyn keeps herself busy as a hair stylist at Reflections for Hair & Sun. During the hot summer months, Jerilyn and her father run The Corner Twist, located just off Rt. 150 in west Danville.

Jerilyn would like to send her many thanks and love to Tony and her two precious children Taylor and Kennedy.



Dave Downing (*Greg*)

A stage veteran in the Danville area, Dave is thrilled to be involved with this production. Dave was heard to say, "I have worked with Ed (a real pussycat-no offense Sylvia) on many productions, including directing him in **Rumors**, and I have thoroughly enjoyed his direction." Besides directing four shows for Red Mask, Dave has built many sets and worked backstage in every aspect of the theater. His favorite roles have been **Daddy** in **Daddy's Dyin' Who's Got The Will**, **Nathan Detroit** in **Guys and Dolls** and **Oscar** (opposite Mr. Sant as **Felix**) in **The Odd Couple**. Dave would like to thank the girls in the cast for their help and support, as well as Sue (the best S&M) Harden. Although let us not forget the superb direction of Ed. Most of all Dave thanks his lovely bride Marty, for allowing him this love of his life. Enjoy!



Tanya E. Overshiner (*Kate*)

Tanya returns to the Red Mask stage after many years. Her last performance was as **Mama Wheelis** in **Daddy's Dyin' Who's Got The Will**. Behind the scenes, she has branched out in many roles. The roar of the audience and the warmth of the theater family have kept her involved in many theater productions, the latest as the stage manager of **The Last Night of Ballyhoo**.

Her recent marital adventures brought to her the understanding of a man and his dog. Shelby, her newly acquired housemate, is the head bitch (no pun intended) at the Overshiner house. She has quickly learned that a relationship between a man and dog is truly dealt with best, as you soon will learn, "what nature hath put together let no women put asunder."

Her days are spent at The News-Gazette in the Champaign & Danville advertising department. Sit back and enjoy this hilarious & touching masterpiece. Her deepest gratitude and love go out to Curt, Kristie, Evan & Daniel.



Gaye Garner (*Tom, Phyllis & Leslie*)

This is Gaye's 18th season with Red Mask. During that time she has been a director, stage manager, worked in many back stage capacities and had numerous roles on stage. She is a two time Katy Award winner for the roles of **Gert** in **Lost in Yonkers** and **Mrs. Paddy** in **The Curious Savage**. Character roles with accents or funny voices seem to attract her, or she them. Her own life long love affair with poodles qualifies her to say that in the real world **Greg** would probably just have gone off with **Sylvia** and let **Kate** go to England by herself. Just read Harlan Ellison's "A Boy and His Dog."

Gaye practices law as an Assistant State's Attorney and considers her Red Mask family the means by which she stays sane. That family will know what "this one's for Dolly" means and why Fanny and Katy are her best friends.

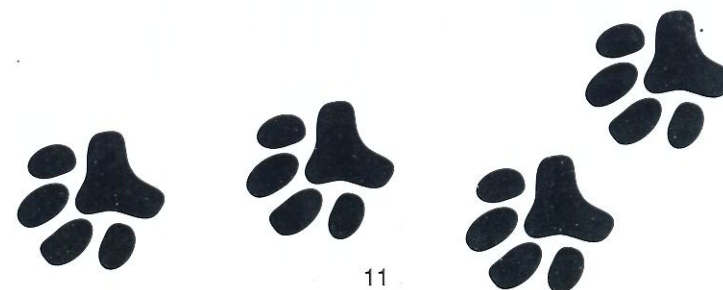
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Next on the schedule for Children's Theater - Auditions for the Spring show will be held April 2 & 3. Show dates: May 14-19. Directors-Donna Sant and Sue Harden.



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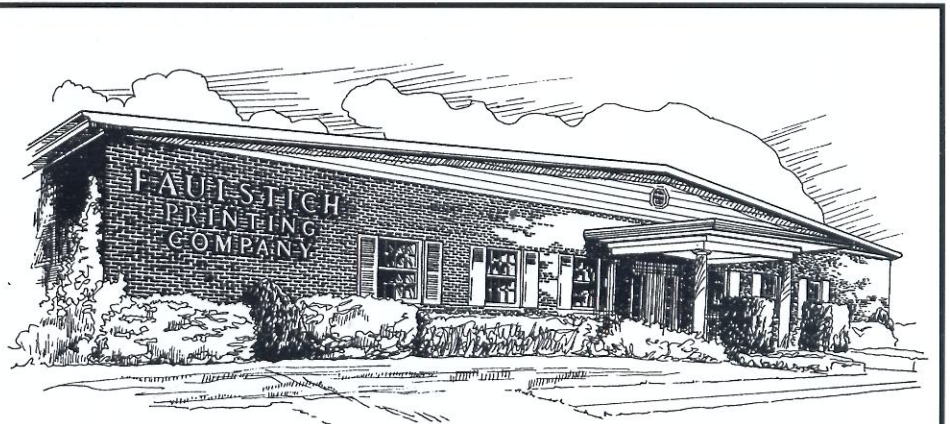
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