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by Jonathan Troy

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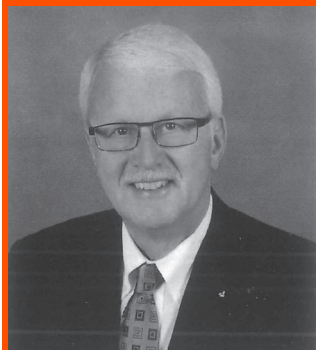
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A PLAY IN THREE ACTS

SYNOPSIS OF SCENES

The entire action takes place in the living room
of an old house in Salem, Massachusetts

- Act I:** **Scene 1:** A cool October afternoon
 Scene 2: Morning, several weeks later
 Scene 3: Afternoon, a week later
- Act II** Saturday evening, November 22nd
- Act III** The same night, one second later

There will be a 10 minute intermission between each act.

CAST

Duff O'Hara.....	Mike Young
Joan O'Hara.....	Amanda Coutant
Mr. Van Buren.....	Wilbur Bolton
Mrs. Boggs.....	Bev Nees
Ethel	Lauren Hous
Dr. Randolph.....	Jeff Romig
Thelma Breckenridge.....	Jamey Coutant
Flip Cannon	Jay Meeker
Madam La Solda.....	Jennifer Dixson
Agatha Forbes.....	Theresa Tyner



FROM THE PRESIDENT...

Welcome to our opening production of Red Mask Players' 81st season, *All Because Of Agatha*. We urge you to let all your cares fade away, if only for a few hours, to laugh and enjoy this campy production. If this is your first time visiting us here at the Kathryn Randolph Theater, please excuse our mess. We are now undergoing some repairs to make our theater safe and secure for you, our patrons, after some damage this past summer to our inner ceiling. I think the original ceiling above gives this show an amazing atmosphere! We would like to thank our patrons again for their generous donations to aid us in phase one of repairing the house area.

All Because of Agatha is a comedy written by Jonathan Troy, and was first published in 1963. This show, with its humorous dialogue and quirky characters will leave you chuckling along the way. Join us and see if Agatha is successful in her haunting.

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FROM THE DIRECTOR

Agatha Forbes has house guests. Now normally, most see this as a good thing, or at worst, a minor inconvenience. Not so with Agatha. Oh, and did I mention, she was a witch? Now imagine yourself purchasing an historic house in Salem, Massachusetts that has one rather bizarre feature that has discouraged previous tenants from staying on – it is visited each year by a slightly destructive witch named Agatha Forbes.

Regardless of what the real estate agent, Mr. Van Buren, tells the O’Haras about the house, Joan wants it anyway, witch and all. Things go so well that by the time Agatha’s annual visit arrives, Joan and her husband, Duff, decide to make a party out of it and hopefully a farewell one for Agatha. Joan’s Aunt Thelma comes to visit in time for the party and the next door neighbors, Dr. Randolph and his mother, a medium who calls herself Madam La Solda, are also invited along with local reporter, Flip Cannon. Add Ethel, the housekeeper/maid/cook plus a visit from Mrs. Boggs of The Society of Psychic Phenomena of Salem and you have the makings for an enchanting and entertaining evening.

The cast has worked so hard making these characters come to life. I am so proud of each and every one of them. You will note that we have some familiar faces on stage as well as some new, and welcome back some that have been gone for a while. Thank you all who have helped make this show a success.

So, dust off your Ouija board and let it spell out a good time for you!

Sue Harden

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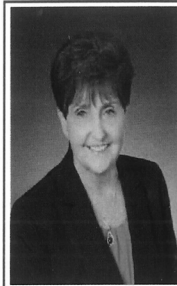
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Wilbur Bolton (Mr. Van Buren) Wilbur got the acting bug at Danville High School. He met his wife of 44 years, Linda, at the Kathryn Randolph Theater in a summer youth production. When the couple returned to Danville in 1980, Wilbur rediscovered his love of theater, first returning to the Red Mask stage in 2001. He has appeared in many productions since then, winning 2 Katy awards along the way. Wilbur recently retired from his second career, as a 5th grade teacher in District 118. He continues to tutor during the school year. He is currently serving on the Red Mask Board of Directors. He thanks Linda for encouraging and understanding the need to hit the stage every so often.

Amanda Coutant (Joan O’Hara) Amanda is grateful for the opportunity to perform on the Red Mask stage once again. She last portrayed Josefa in *A Shot in the Dark*, and directed last spring’s production of *Proof*. Amanda is excited to portray Joan O’Hara, as they both “share a passion for the Occult”. Amanda once considered pursuing Paranormal Science and Parapsychology as a degree, and has fond memories of “ghost hunting” with friends and family. Amanda thanks all the production’s cast and crew for making this a great stage experience, and her son Tayte, for giving up his mommy a few nights a week to share her passion for the stage, and her family and loved ones for their support.



Jamey Coutant (Thelma Breckenridge) Jamey is very excited to be part of this cast. She is glad to be performing with old friends, new friends, and especially her daughter Amanda. Jamey was most recently on stage last season in *The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940*. Jamey is the proud mother of Amanda and Brian, with whom she has been able to share the love of theater. She is also grandmother of 3 wonderful grandchildren, Tayte, Analeigh, and Scarlett. (Watch out for the 3rd generation to take the stage in the future!) Jamey thanks Sue and her casting committee for allowing her to once again be on the Red Mask stage, and she gives a big thank you to all the patrons who support this theater!

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Jennifer Dixson (Madam La Solda) “Just when I thought I was out; they pull me back in.” Time, decadent dining, and gravity have taken their toll, but the fire to perform remains. Seeing that a funny Jonathan Troy play was to be presented, temptation outweighed excuses. Jennifer remains a Danville resident, now blissfully in the shadows, enjoying an idyllic existence with her long-suffering husband and champion, Dwain, her BFF’s C&D, who tolerate, yet love her, and her arm load of cats. Jennifer dedicates this role to “The Viv”, who influenced, loved, and frustrated Jennifer for years. She was a champion and fierce

critic. She would have enjoyed this show – and likely recognized several costume pieces.

Sue Harden (Director) Sue has been involved with Red mask since 1993, having done everything from props to President of the Board and everything in between. This is the 6th show Sue has directed. She would like to thank the board for choosing her to direct this show; her Stage Manager, Mary Ann, for being her right hand; Producer, Lisa, for always being there; the cast for being willing to share in her vision; and especially her husband, Kenny, and the “boys”, Augie and Max, for supporting her enthusiasm in community theatre.



Lauren Hous (Ethel) Lauren has performed with numerous groups, but Red Mask will always be home to her! Some of her favorite roles include Ivy in Darkhorse’s *August: Osage County*, Alice in DACC’s *You Can’t Take It With You*, and Miep in Red Mask Players *The Diary of Anne Frank*. Monday through Friday, Lauren is known as Ms. Hous, English and Drama teacher at Salt Fork High School. On the weekends, she can be found killing it with Champaign Urbana Theater Company’s Seven Corpse Dinner Murder Mystery Troupe. Lauren would like to thank her friends and family for always supporting her,

and the cast and crew for allowing her to bring Ethel to life (and for putting up with the accent for 2 months!).

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Mary Ann Laker (Stage Manager) Mary Ann is happy to be involved in a Red Mask production again after a four year absence. Her last appearance on the Red Mask stage was in *Sly Fox* as Mrs. Truckle. She wishes to thank Sue for the opportunity to work on another show with her. Also, much thanks and love to hubby, Dave.

Lisa Lovelace (Producer) Lisa has been involved in theater for many years. She has been an actor, a singer, a director, a stage manager, a producer, a prop tart, and an appreciative audience member. Most recently, she was the director of *Vanya and Sonya and Masha and Spike* for Dark Horse Theatre Company, and she was the producer for Red Mask Players' *A Streetcar Named Desire*. Lisa also appeared last year in the Red Mask Christmas Show, *It's A Wonderful Life*.

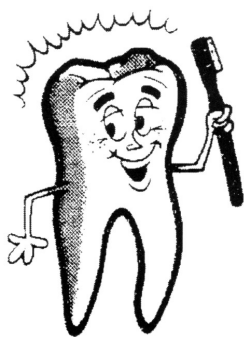


Jay Meeker (Flip Cannon) Jay is making his Red Mask Players debut. He has previously acted in small, religious dramas. Since Jay enjoys sketch comedy, it seemed only right to audition for *All Because of Agatha*. Jays keeps busy with 2 beautiful daughters, who are active with junior high school and extracurricular activities. He hopes his enjoyable experience here at the Kathryn Randolph Theater will encourage other people to participate.

Bev Nees (Mrs. Boggs) Bev is starting her 30th year with the Red Mask Players. She is thrilled to be on stage once more, having been active in many capacities in her time here. She has been in many regular season shows, as well as summer productions. Bev has directed 5 productions, been Stage Manager for several, as well as being in charge of props numerous times. Bev is also a past President of the Red Mask Board of Directors. She is married and lives near Danville with her very understanding husband, Rod, and sweet dachshund, Eddie.



Look Up! Where has the ceiling gone? Extensive damage to the drop ceiling has forced us to remove it and make repairs. Thank you to all who donated to begin these repairs! While it is now safe, we do not yet have all the funds to replace the ceiling. Please consider making a donation if you have not done so already. Red Mask Players is a 501(c)(3) organization so your contribution is tax deductible.



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Jeff Romig (Dr. Randolph) Jeff is a Danville resident and is a past performer on a number of Red Mask productions. Over the years, Jeff and his family have been advocates and supporters of the local Arts scene. Jeff has also been involved in theatrical productions with the Lincoln Park Theater Company and DLO Musical Theatre. Jeff is honored to be in the very special cast of *All Because Of Agatha* and hopes the audience will enjoy the show very much.

Theresa Tyner (Agatha Forbes) No typecasting here! Theresa has never flown on a broom, nor has she played bridge with Marc Antony. During the day Theresa takes on the role of Library Director at the Danville Public Library. Her favorite roles have been Myra in *Deathtrap*, with Red Mask Players, and Paulina in *Death and the Maiden*.



Mike Young (Duff O'Hara) Mike is making his 6th appearance on the Red Mask stage. Previous Red Mask Players productions include *The Desk Set*, *Wanda's Visit*, *Accomplice*, *Sly Fox* and *A Streetcar Named Desire*. Other companies he has performed for are The Lincoln Park Theater Company (*The Wizard of Oz* and *Annie*), his Prairie Gold Players comedy scenes, and Gregory's Academy of the Arts' Comedy Hour (paying homage to the Carol Burnett Show).





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