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by Ira Levin

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COMING SOON



April 27 & 28 at 8 p.m.
April 29 at 3 p.m.

DEATHTRAP

CAST (in order of appearance)

Sidney Bruhl Robert Birk*
Myra Bruhl Terry Choate*
Clifford Anderson Steven Dunn*
Helga Ten Dorp Jackie Greyson
Porter Milgrim Tom Seeley
**New to Grove Players

PRODUCTION STAFF

Director Jeff Harris
Assistant Director Theresa Lauder
Producer Judy Seeley
Set Design Chuck Budach
Lighting Designer Larry Lauder
Lighting Richard Ralph, Ken Slauf, Bob Vonderohe
Costume Coordinator Karen Weber-Slauf
Publicity Director Joan C. Nielsen-Ralph
Publicity Melody Danley (Artist), Randy Hood (Artist),
George Hansen, Larry Lauder, Rick Ralph
Ticket Chairman Carleen VanderKoy
Tickets/Box Office Arthur VanderKoy
Stage Manager Joe Gerlach
Assistant Stage Manager Kari Coventry
Stage Crew Ed Danley, Jan Potts, Rick Ralph
Properties Mistress Nanci Gross
Properties/Set Dressing Melody Danley, Carter Lamb, Marian Lundvall,
Judy Seeley, Mary Wright
House Manager Nancy J. Niebur
Make-up Carol Nordstrom
Set Construction Chairman Richard Gannon
Set Construction Chuck Balch, Janet Belcher, Rae Brown,
Chuck Budach, Kari Coventry, George Hansen, Ed Jacot,
Larry Lauder, Dave Michaels, Janet Potts, Mike Rock,
Judy Seeley, Andrea Seeley, Tom Seeley, Robert Vonderohe
Hospitality Chairpersons Chuck & Irma Balch, Karen Bronson,
Karen Callinan, Mardelle & Bob Vonderohe
Hospitality Terri Calozzo, Cathy Cornman, Melody Danley,
Sandy Fobes, Henry Hoff
Sound Wally Kurtz
Photography George Hansen

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. Refreshments are served in the lobby.

Thank you for not taking flash photos during the performance. Due to the special setting and effects, we invite you to meet the cast in the lobby after the performance rather than on stage.

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WHO'S WHO

Robert Birk (*Sidney Bruhl*)

You may have seen Robert on stage before in Downers Grove. His appearances include Roy in "The Odd Couple," Peter in "Company" and several roles in "Gypsy," "Forum" and "My Fair Lady," all with local theatre groups. A resident of Western Springs, Robert is in the real estate business.

Steven Dunn (*Clifford Anderson*)

Remember this guy's name! Steve is an experienced actor on stage and screen. He's been seen locally in "Gypsy" as Yonkers, "Merry Christmas Indeed" as the Ghost of Christmas Past, "Chicago" as the M.C. among others. Films include "Risky Business," "The Designer," "Dollmaker" as well as numerous commercials and industrials. Steven is trained in dance, voice and acting and is a member of the Screen Actors Guild.

Jackie Greyson (*Helga Ten Dorp*)

She delighted everyone as Madame Arcati in Grove Players' "Blithe Spirit" last season, but that's nothing new for Jackie. A Bachelor of Arts degree in Drama from U of C-Berkeley, summer stock in the Black Hills Playhouse in the west, and civic theatre in Indiana have given Jackie plenty of stage ability and experiences. Additional past roles include Betty Chumley in "Harvey," Sybil in "Count Dracula," Rosemary in "Picnic," and Annabelle in "George Washington Slept Here."

Terry (Kucera) Choate (*Myra Bruhl*)

Terry is a former Miss DuPage and was a finalist for Miss Illinois where she wrote and performed her own sketch. Since then she's been working in California, including a stint developing pilots for TV game shows. She was also involved with community theatre there. She has returned to the midwest and is appearing in her first dramatic role.

Tom Seeley (*Porter Milgrim*)

Tom has done a lot of everything in community theatre. Prior roles have been in "Annie Get Your Gun" and "Fantasticks." He's managed set construction for several Grove Players productions including this season's "Once Upon A Mattress," done lighting, been stage manager and just about everything else. We're wondering when we'll see him in the orchestra! Tom owns a computer consulting company and lives in Downers Grove.

Jeff Harris (*Director*)

Jeff grew up in Downers Grove—the son of Bill and Ginny Harris, who were members of Grove Players since 1946. He graduated from the Goodman Theatre School of Drama and was a staff member there between directing jobs. Jeff now runs his own scenic shop—Paper Moon Productions, Inc. He's been the resident designer at Marriott's Lincolnshire since 1976. For them he most recently designed the sets for "Brigadoon," "Chicago," "Gypsy," and "Windy City." His work has been at Drury Lane and Pheasant Run. Jeff's directing credits include "Cabaret," "Man of LaMancha," "West Side Story," "Kiss Me Kate," "Company," "Lion in Winter," and "Chicago."

Theresa Lauder (*Assistant Director*)

Theresa joined Grove Players as a part of the lighting crew for "Blithe Spirit" last year and has contributed to each show since on such committees as set construction, stage crew and costumes. She most recently was Properties Mistress for "Once Upon A Mattress." Theresa made her stage debut with Grove Players in the July 4th Vaudeville Show as Lassie's Mother.

Judy Seeley (*Producer*)

Taking on the important position of producer is just another service of Judy's to Grove Players. As our past publicity chairman she managed all press releases, ads, playbills and numerous time consuming activities. This year Judy has taken on the responsibility of recruiting business and personal patrons. She's been in numerous musical choruses and is always on hand behind the scenes.

Chuck Budach (*Set Design*)

Tonight you're seeing another fine set which was designed by Chuck. Other designs you may have seen were in Grove Players' "Blithe Spirit," "Oklahoma," "Oliver," and "Fiddler on the Roof." Chuck also does a fine job on stage where he has played various roles.

Larry Lauder (*Light Design*)

Larry is a Grove Player of the home grown variety. He learned his basics at Downers Grove South High School and his creativity has carried him the rest of the way in Grove Players. "Deathtrap" was especially demanding because not only was a lighting design required but also much electrical work was managed by Larry to

bring you this show. This is his second of many (we hope) seasons with us.

Karen Weber-Slauf (*Costume Coordinator*)

Costume coordination and design is just one of the many roles both on and offstage Karen plays in Grove Players. She currently is a Fashion Design major and has been chairman-costume design and construction for three other shows. Karen has studied, instructed and directed theater at times and was recently seen as Gertie Cummings in "Oklahoma."

Joe Gerlach/Kari Coventry (*Stage Manager & Assistant*)

Because this production is running for three weekends, the time demands on the person running the show, i.e. stage manager, are shared by Joe and Kari. Joe has been extraordinary in his various roles, most recently as Dr. Bradman in "Blithe Spirit." Kari has a Masters of Music degree and knows her way around the stage from her experience as chorus member, dancer, or principal in school productions. Kari pleased us all as Lady Larkin in this year's "Once Upon A Mattress."

Nanci Gross (*Properties Mistress*)

Coordinating the monumental task of assembling all the exotic and hard to find properties for this show is Nanci Gross. Among her credits are producer—"The Man Who Came To Dinner," and roles in "Arsenic and Old Lace" and "Harvey."

Nancy Niebur (*House Manager*)

Usually Nancy is on stage but this time she's in the house. As Recreation Supervisor for the Downers Grove Park District you might say it is her house indeed. Nancy has had roles in Urbana and Wheaton. Most recently she played the Dark Witch in "Dark of the Moon" for Grove Players.

Carol Nordstrom (*Make-up*)

Carol did makeup at Second City and Morton College; we're happy to have her in charge for "Deathtrap." Besides applying makeup, she wore it in shows in Riverside, Morton College and as Isabel in our production of "Pirates of Penzance."

Richard Gannon (*Set Construction*)

Rich's building skills make him a natural to manage set construction. Before "Deathtrap" he did it for "Blithe Spirit" and designed sets for "Oklahoma" and "Pirates of Penzance." Rich was last seen in "Harvey" as Dr. Sanderson and is Grove Players' Executive Producer.