

GROVE PLAYERS
presents



Lyrics by Marshall Barer
Music by Mary Rodgers

ONCE UPON A MATTRESS



November 10, 11, 12 & 13, 1983
Downers Grove South High School

Produced by Arrangement with the Rodgers and Hammerstein Library.



The Cast

(In order of appearance)

Minstrel John P. Muszynski*
 Ballet Prince Mike Rock*
 Ballet Princess Terri Calozzo
 Ballet Queen Andrea Markelz*
 Wizard Carter H. Lamb
 Princess No. 12 Cathy Cornman
 Lady Larken Kari Coventry*
 Queen Aggravain Karen A. Callinan*
 Prince Dauntless the Drab Frances Moses Valach
 King Sextimus the Silent Richard Albright
 Jester Dave Michaels*
 Sir Studley Ron Leaneagh
 Sir Harry Bob Vonderohe
 Princess Winnifred Karen Bronson
 Lady Mabelle Mary Wright*
 The Nightingale of Samarkand Donna Fletcher*

The Lords and Ladies of the Court
 Chuck Balch Dan Haran* Marian Lundvall*
 Kim Biwer John Kazee* Andrea Markelz*
 Rae Brown* Bob Kolb* Carol Nordstrom
 Terri Calozzo Susan Koons* Mike Rock*
 Joanie Fitzgerald*

* new to Grove Players

The Production Staff

Director Margaret A. Uhlarik
 Musical Director Clifford Reims
 Choreographer Laurel Waszak
 Assistant Director Patricia Domer
 Producer Melody A. Danley
 Accompanist Jeff Bell
 Set Designer Robert Vonderohe
 Lighting Designer Richard Ralph
 Costume Coordinators Beverly Blaa, Joan Ralph
 Mardelle Vonderohe
 Publicity Director Joan Ralph
 Tickets/Box Office Carleen VanderKoy
 Stage Manager Ed Danley
 Orchestra Coordinator Maggie Opal
 Property Mistress Theresa Lauder
 Hospitality Elaine Albright
 House Manager Irma Balch
 Make-up Karen Weber-Slauf
 Photography George Hansen
 Set Construction Tom Seeley, Henry Hoff

The Production Committee

Lighting Larry Lauder, Steve Morris,
 Susan Saunders
 Costume Construction Elaine Albright, Irma Balch,
 Melody Danley, Mary Gilbert,
 Theresa Lauder
 Costume Advisor Elizabeth Tobey
 Rick Ralph, Judy Seeley
 Tickets/Box Office Shirley Evans, Marion Markelz,
 Arthur D. VanderKoy
 Stage Crew Ken Slauf, Michael Vonderohe
 Properties Melody Danley, Nanci Gross,
 Joan Ralph
 Hospitality Doris Ceszyk, Lyle Domer,
 Mark Iacobazzi, Muriel Kupper,
 Jean Lamb, Maggie Opal,
 Linda Reiselte, Paulette Sarussi,
 Gerri Schumacher
 Make-up & Dressers Camille Budach, Laurel Carlson,
 Geri McMillan, Nancy Niebur
 Set Construction Chuck Balch, Karen Bronson, Rae Brown,
 Chuck Budach, Kari Coventry, Ed Danley
 Joanie Fitzgerald, Rich Gannon, George Hansen,
 Ed Jacot, Susan Koons, Carter Lamb,
 Larry and Theresa Lauder, Marion Lundvall,
 Andrea and Marion Markelz, Dave Michaels
 Nancy Niebur, Rick Ralph, Mike Rock,
 Bob Rottgers, Andrea and Jennifer Seeley,
 Marge Uhlarik, Carleen VanderKoy,
 Bob Vonderohe

The Orchestra

Flute Mary Ellingson
 Clarinet Matt Klickman
 Oboe Paul Price
 Trumpet Art Cox, Cary Davids, Mike McDowell
 Trombone Todd Bransky, Larry Tomko
 Baritone Nancy Niebur
 French Horn Donna Oselka
 Percussion Ed Kikta
 Violin Deanne Marik, Linda Pierson, Joyce Schram
 Viola Ron Baumgardner, Lorie VanDyke
 Cello Mike Frazier, Dan Shull
 Bass Violin David Humphreys
 Piano Jeff Bell

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Musical Numbers

(The Story takes place in various chambers of a castle, once upon a time)

ACT I

Overture

Many Moons Ago Minstrel
Opening for a Princess Dauntless, Lords and Ladies
In A Little While Sir Harry and Lady Larken
Shy Winnifred, Lords and Ladies
The Minstrel, The Jester and I Minstrel, Jester, and King Sextimus
Sensitivity Queen Aggravain and The Wizard
The Swamps of Home Winnifred and Ladies
Normandy Minstrel, Jester and Lady Larken
The Spanish Panic Lords and Ladies
Song of Love Dauntless, Winnifred, Lords and Ladies

Intermission

Refreshments are served in the lobby. No smoking in the building, please.

ACT II

Entr'Acte

Happily Ever After Winnifred
Man to Man Talk Dauntless and King Sextimus
Very Soft Shoes Jester, Lords and Ladies
Yesterday I Loved You Sir Harry and Lady Larken
Nightingale Lullaby The Nightingale of Samarkand
Finale The Company

Thank you for not taking flash photos during the performance.

The audience is invited on stage to meet the cast and crew after the performance.

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Grove Players' Coming Attractions

Fiction becomes truth as two mystery playwrights become tangled in their own web of double cross and murder. This is a thriller, not recommended for younger children.

January 20 & 21 at 8 p.m., 22nd at 7 p.m.
 January 27 & 28 at 8 p.m., 29th at 7 p.m.
 February 3 & 4 at 8 p.m., 5th at 3 p.m.



DEATHTRAP

Jeff Harris directs

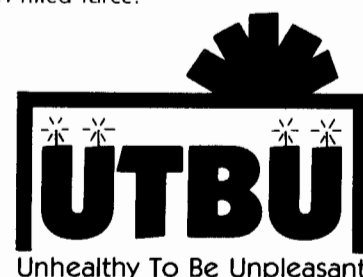
All performances at Lincoln Center, 935 Curtiss, Downers Grove.

Auditions November 20 at 2 p.m. at St. Paul's United Church of Christ, 5739 Dunham Rd., Downers Grove.

Poetic justice wins out as the "agent" from U.T.B.U. sniffs out crime and (gasp!) unpleasantness in this fun filled farce.

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

Judy Hamontre directs



Auditions February 19 at 2 p.m. at St. Paul's United Church of Christ, 5739 Dunham Rd., Downers Grove.



Who's Who The Cast

Karen Bronson (Princess Winifred the Woebegone)

Karen has previously been seen in the Grove Players' production of *Kiss Me, Katel* as a dancer. She has also been seen as Rosemary Fenton in *Bullshot Crummond* and as Carol in *Split* for the Northern Indiana Opera Company; and Reno Sweeney in *Anything Goes* for St. James Productions. Karen attended ISU as a theatre major. She presently resides in Elmhurst and works as an account executive assistant.

Karen A. Callinan (Queen Aggravain)

The role of the queen is not new for Karen. She has played this role previously at Ashland College in Ohio where she received her bachelors degree in theatre. Among her appearances there were *Antigone* in *Antigone* and the mother (Beatrice) in *The Effect of Gamma Rays on Man in the Moon Marigolds*. Karen has also played the grandmother in *Pippin* for Huntington Playhouse and Sonia in *Godspell* for Company One in Cleveland, Ohio. Karen is pursuing a career as "mom and wife" and presently resides in Bolingbrook.

Frances Moses Valach

In his pursuit of a career as an entertainer, he has been seen in two previous Grove Player productions as Conjur Man in *Dark of the Moon* and a pirate and cop in *Pirates of Penzance*. Frank became interested in theatre while attending Hinsdale South High School where some of his credentials include Judas in *Godspell*, Tevye in *Fiddler on the Roof*, and Diesel in *West Side Story*. He has also served as a stage manager and road manager. Frank resides in Darlen.

Karl Coventry (Lady Larken)

Grove Players welcomes Karl as she appears in her first Grove Player production. Karl received a bachelor of music degree from Wesleyan University in Illinois where she appeared as Gretel in *Hansel and Gretel* and Laurie in *Tender Land*. She has also received a masters of music at Colorado State University where she performed as Susanna in the *Marriage of Figaro*. Since being in the Chicago area, she was in the chorus of the Hinsdale Opera production of *Dialogue of the Calamities*. Karl is employed with the Downers Grove National Bank and is a resident of Downers Grove.

Bob Vonderohe (Sir Harry)

Bob is a versatile Grove Player member. He has been in all phases of productions, serving as producer, director, set construction, lighting and has been president of Grove Players for the last three years. Along with his behind the scene contribution, Bob's stage experiences include Frank Butler in *Annie Get Your Gun*, Bobby in *Company*, Count Dracula in *Count Dracula* and the police sergeant in *Pirates of Penzance*. This production is no exception for Bob to get involved with on stage as well as behind the scene projects. Along with his role as Sir Harry, Bob also designed the set. Bob resides in Downers Grove and works for the University of Chicago as a Computer Communications Manager.

Richard Albright (King Sextimus the Silent)

Dick and his wife Elaine are Honorary Active Members of Grove Players which means they have been members for over fifteen years (they must have started as children). Dick is an English teacher at Lyons Township High School where he also has directed their productions of *Most Happy Fella* and *Brigadoon*. For Grove Players, he has directed *Arsenic and Old Lace* and the children's play *The Ugly Duckling*. Dick has festooned the Grove Player stage with his many roles which include Elwood P. Dowd in *Harvey*, Fr. Drobney in *Don't Drink the Water* and Sam Nash in *Plaza Suite*. He has also had several roles at College of DuPage. Dick resides in LaGrange Park.

John P. Muszynski (Minstrel)

John easily fills the role of the minstrel drawing on his extensive experience with Tempo Players, Pentangle Productions, NCE Productions and the National Children's Theatre. John has a bachelor of arts degree in speech and theatre. He is a teacher by occupation and resides in Rolling Meadows. He has directed *Godspell* and *Oliver* for Tempo Players. His many roles include Ben Franklin in *1776*, Rudolph in *Hello, Dolly*, Tevye in *Fiddler on the Roof* and King Sextimus in *Once Upon a Mattress*.

Dave Michaels (Jester)

Dave lists his experiences as "multitudinous bit parts and choruses" but he has played such roles as Charles Dalrymple in *Brigadoon*, Benjamin Burton and David Orlington in *How to Succeed in Business and Dr. Einstein in Arsenic and Old Lace*. He started acting right here in Downers Grove South High School as a student. Dave is a computer programmer and lives in Westmont.

Carter Lamb (Wizard)

Carter enjoys community theatre which is evident from his years of Grove Players participation as well as other community theatres in the *Lazar Wolf in Fiddler on the Roof*, Lindsey Woosley in *Mame*, and Harry the Horse in *Guys and Dolls* for Grove Players. He has also performed the role of Tevye in *Fiddler on the Roof* for the Joliet Theatre Guild and the Performing Arts Theatre Company. Carter has been producer of several Grove Players' productions as well as behind the scenes involvement. Carter and his wife Jean live in Lemont and he lists his occupation as peddler.

The Production Staff

Margaret A. Uhlark (Marge) (Director)

Returning to Grove Players this year, Marge last assistant directed *Kiss Me, Katel* three years ago. She is a familiar face to us previously directing *Our Town*, and starring in eight of our productions including *The Lion in Winter*, *The Rainmaker* and *Gypsy*. She also has directed children's theatre with the Downers Grove Park District. Marge studied acting at the University of Illinois. A former Westmont resident, she presently lives in Chicago and is an insurance underwriter.

Clifford Relms (Musical Director and Conductor)

This is Clifford's first appearance with Grove Players but we have drawn on his extensive experience in musical comedy and opera. He has been a singer, stage director, conductor, and designer for over sixty operas and forty musical comedies. Presently he is the artistic advisor and member of the Board of Directors for the Opera Theatre of Illinois. He is past president of the National Opera Association and of OPRILL. Cliff is chairman of the voice department and Director of Opera Theatre at Roosevelt University.

Laurel Waszak (Choreographer)

Laurel has vast experience in dance with a BA in dance education from Illinois State. She has taught high school and junior college. Laurel has worked with many community theatre groups: Tempo Players, Elmhurst Theatricals, College of DuPage and Grove Players where she has choreographed *Kiss Me, Katel* and *Oklahoma*. Laurel resides in Downers Grove.

Melody A. Danley (Producer)

Since joining the group four seasons ago, Melody has been in front and behind the set. She was seen in the choruses of *Kiss Me, Katel*, *Oklahoma* and *Pirates of Penzance*. She was assistant director of *The Man Who Came to Dinner* and has been costume chairman, properties chairman, house manager and set designer. Melody is a free lance artist and does much of the artwork for Grove Players.

Patricia Domer (Assistant Director)

On and off stage, Pat has made Grove Players' productions happen for a number of years. She has had roles in *Mame*, *Our Town*, *Company*, *Gypsy*, *Hello, Dolly*, *Kiss Me, Katel* and *Plaza Suite*. She's been active in lighting and properties. Pat also was the assistant director for our production of *The Lion in Winter*. Pat lives in Western Springs.

Richard Ralph (Lighting Designer)

This is Rick's third season with Grove Players. Audiences have seen his light designs for *Oklahoma*, *The Man Who Came to Dinner* and *Pirates of Penzance*. Rick is an engineer for Commonwealth Edison. He and his wife Joan live in Downers Grove.

Beverly Blaa, Joan Ralph, Mardelle Vonderohe (Costume Coordinators)

This dynamic trio of seamstresses first got together for designing costumes for *Pirates of Penzance* last season. Here, they repeat their performance with help from their advisor Elisabeth Tobey who graduated from Northwestern University in costume design.

Joan Nielsen-Ralph (Publicity Director)

news releases, advertisements and programs. She has worked in costumes, properties and lighting. Her stage debut was last summer as the duck in our 4th of July show. Joan is an Industrial Engineer and resides in Downers Grove.

Carleen VanderKoy (Ticket/Box Office Chairman)

Carleen is our Vice-President this year. She appeared most recently as Ruth in *Pirates of Penzance* as well as many other productions in the last few years. Carleen is formerly of the Chicago Symphony Chorus and a founder of the Oak Park Musical Theatre. She resides in Downers Grove.

Ed Danley (Stage Manager)

Ed spends most of his time behind the scenes of Grove Player productions. He has been on stage crew for four Grove Player shows as well as stage manager for *Dark of the Moon* and *Harvey*. He has also spent time on the light crew and in the orchestra. Ed, a computer programmer, and his wife Melody live in Downers Grove.

Theresa Lauder (Property Mistress)

Theresa and her husband Larry joined Grove Players last season. Since then, Theresa has helped with lights, stage crew and costumes. She is a dental hygienist and lives in Downers Grove.

Irma Balch (House Manager)

Having spent many years as an active member of Grove Players, audiences have seen her in many roles on stage as well as seeing results of her roles back stage. Irma has been a member of the board and is an Honorary Active Member. Make sure you say "hi" to Irma if you see her in the lobby.

Karen Weber-Slauf (Make-up)

As someone who can do it all, Karen has performed, directed, designed costumes and designed make-up. She's even shared her talent by teaching drama workshop. Karen is a dental hygienist and lives in Darlen.

Tom Seeley, Henry Hoff (Master Carpenters-Set Construction)

Although Tom has had the job of set construction before, it is easier only because he has help from Henry. Tom headed set construction for *Our Town*, *How the Other Half Loves* and *Annie Get Your Gun*. Henry's been helping Grove Players wherever he has been needed. He's been seen in the GP 4th of July vignettes and has written many publicity articles for the group.