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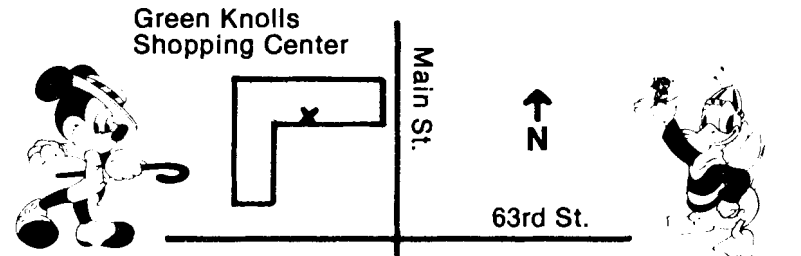
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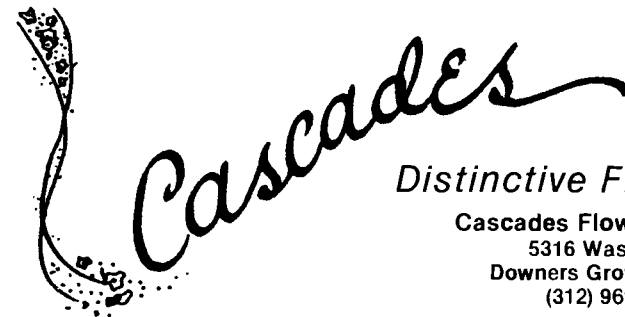
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THE UNINVITED

by Dorothy McCardle

dramatized by Tim Kelly

presented by arrangement with Dramatists Play Service, Inc.

The Uninvited by Dorothy McCardle was originally published as a novel in 1942 and was subsequently transferred with great success, to film (starring Ray Milland and Gail Russell). In the film, Roddy, originally conceived as a theatre critic/playwright is changed to an aspiring composer moved to create a lovely symphony dedicated to the girl he loves. Thus "Stella by Starlight" was introduced to the world. Because the haunting melody is so closely associated by film aficionados to the title, we have chosen to incorporate it into this production. The play **The Uninvited** adapted by Tim Kelly in 1979, is written to be performed in a present day setting; an idea found particularly jarring to the original concept of McCardle's novel. I felt sure McCardle was representing pre-war England in her book — so this production is set in the mid-1930's. The film production so strongly evoked a beautifully shadowed, haunting illustration of the McCardle story (black and white photography at its best) that the conceptualization of a stylized play design — costumes and setting wholly composed of black, white and gray — came easily and naturally to the production. And, finally, because Kelly's adaptation relied on long monologues evoking images of the past, I imagined an off-stage playing area where dramatic visualization of the narration could be played. For fun, we allowed that this area could be our one note of "technicolor". The operative word in all this has been "fun" and from costumes to setting to sound to lighting to acting this, of all concepts, has been accomplished.

Director MARGE UHLARIK
Assistant Director JIM GILL
Producer THERESA McSWIGGIN
Set Design MELODY DANLEY
Lighting Design LARRY LAUDER

SYNOPSIS

The action of the play takes place in the sitting room of Cliff End, an isolated house overlooking the Bristol Channel in the West of England.

Act I

Scene 1: A late summer morning

Scene 2: Some weeks later — afternoon

Intermission

Act II

Scene 1: Two weeks later — evening

Scene 2: The following morning

Act III

That evening

THE CAST

Stella Meredith	TRACY VONDEROHE
Pamela Fitzgerald	KATHY RACINE
Roddy Fitzgerald	FRANCIS VALACH
Commander Brooke	JIM GILL
Lizzie Flynn	MARTHA HOGENBOOM
Mrs. Jessup	THERESA McSWIGGIN
Wendy	JAN MAHLSTEDT
Max Hilliard	CRAIG MAHLSTEDT
Dr. Scott	MIKE BREWER
Miss Holloway	CARLEEN VANDERKOY
Whiskey Flynn	MOLLY HOGENBOOM

THE UNINVITED

Ghost of Mary Meredith	MAXINE WALLIS
Ghost of Carmel	MARIELLEN BASALONE

PRODUCTION STAFF

Stage Manager	Eldred Wallis
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Costumes	Joan Nielsen-Ralph, Elaine Albright, Mardelle Vonderohe
Makeup	Michael Hildebrand
Sound	Theresa McSwiggin
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Prologue	Michael Hildebrand
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WHO'S WHO

MARGE UHLARIK
(Director)

A director and sometime actress, Marge recently finished a run with the Trinity Square Ensemble's production of *Little Victories* where she played Susan B. Anthony. As a professional director her productions include: *Beyond Therapy* (Starlite Productions), *Crimes of the Heart* (Victory Gardens Studio), *The Outcasts of Poker Flat* (Trinity Square Ensemble), and *The Little Foxes* (Village Players). For Grove Players, she directed *Our Town*, *Once Upon a Mattress*, *My Three Angels*, and *Close Ties*. Founder of the Ides of March Acting Studio, Marge works as an acting teacher and audition coach.

TRACY VONDEROHE
(Stella Meredith)

Tracy joins two other cast members who have had roles in all three Grove Players shows this, our 50th, season. Our auditions are all open and casting is up to the directors. Tracy has been the choice of each director. She was in the chorus of *Follies* and *Gypsy*, and played several roles in *The Dining Room*.

KATHY H. RACINE
(Pamela Fitzgerald)

With her lead role in *The Uninvited*, Kathy completes a Grove Players *Grand Slam* demonstrating the wide range of her talent. She was Rose in this year's *Gypsy* and had various roles in *The Dining Room*. Other stage credits include the Apothecary in *The Imaginary Invalid* and young Sally in *Follies*.

FRANCIS VALACH
(Roddy Fitzgerald)

Francis also completes his Grove Players "Grand Slam"—his "hat trick" if you will with this show. He was Tulsa in *Gypsy* and played some moving scenes in *The Dining Room*. It's been a distinctive 50th season for Grove Players and Francis has made it memorable.

JIM GILL

(Commander & Assistant Director)
Dancing the Tango on top of a rickety platform during Grove Players' production of *Follies* was one experience Jim will never forget. Other roles you may remember him in locally include Ernie Bannister in *Inherit the Wind*, Bonneyoy in *The Imaginary Invalid*, and Dick Winston in *Mary, Mary*. Jim has stage managed and helped our productions in various capacities. He is a technical staff member at AT&T Bell Labs.

MARTHA HOGENBOOM
(Lizzie Flynn)

This is Martha's first stage role since moving here last fall. However, she brings years of professional and community theatre experience with her. She's a former DJ, has worked in radio theatre, and has many stage credits including Amanda in *Private Lives*, Fanny Cavendish in *The Royal Family*, and Rebecca Nurse in *The Crucible*. Her favorites are the character roles. Martha lives in Downers Grove and works for a Chicago law office.

WHO'S WHO

THERESA McSWIGGIN

(Producer, Mrs. Jessup)

There isn't anything Theresa has missed doing in her five years with Grove Players. She's produced *Close Ties* and *The Imaginary Invalid*; assistant directed our last three musicals; served on GP's Board of Directors, painted, sewed, etc, etc. She is a dental research specialist at the University of Illinois and enjoys seeing other theatre productions as time permits.

JAN MAHLSTEDT

(Wendy Carey)

Audiences no doubt remember Jan's wonderful performance as Phyllis in GP's *Follies* (1985). Other stage roles include Kate in *The Pirates of Penzance* and Meg in *Crimes of the Heart*. She has also directed local shows of *The Music Man* and *You're a Good Man Charlie Brown*. She and her husband Craig reside in Naperville with their son.

CRAIG MAHLSTEDT

(Max Hilliard)

A talented director, Craig recently staged local productions of *Crimes of the Heart* and *A Streetcar Named Desire*. Acting credits include Brudy in *Inherit the Wind* and Cromwell in *A Man For All Seasons*. Craig's expertise comes from his BFA from Illinois Wesleyan University. Craig is a commodities trader/broker and enjoys golf whenever he can.

CARLEEN M. VANDERKOY

As a long time Grove Players member Carleen has the following credits: Jenny in *Company*, Sybil Seward in *Dracula*, a very memorable Ruth in *The Pirates of Penzance*, and Solonge Lafitte in *Follies*. Carleen is choir director for St. Paul's United Church of Christ in Downers Grove and lists

as one of her major interests her granddaughter of six months.

MICHAEL BREWER

(Dr. Scott)

A long time Grove Player's character actor, Michael has the following stage credits: Mr. Wilson in *Harvey*, O'Hara in *Arsenic and Old Lace*, and Wesley in *Dracula*. He's served on stage crew for many more shows. As a former tour guide and now a travel agent, Michael has travelled extensively, especially the East coast. He lives in Addison with his wife. Spring is his favorite season — he loves baseball.

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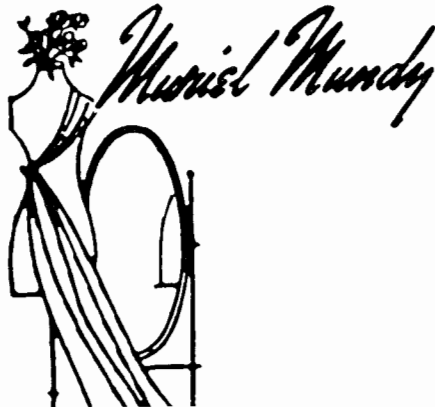
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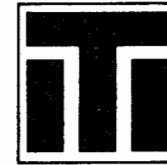
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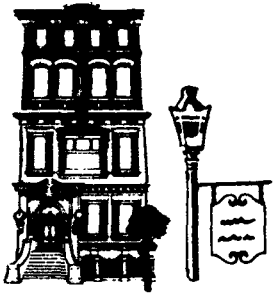
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