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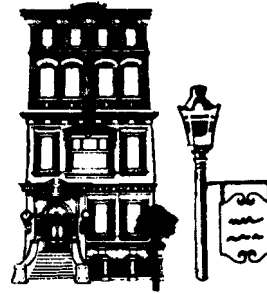
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# THE MISS FIRECRACKER CONTEST

Produced by special arrangement with Dramatists Play Service, Inc.

*DIRECTOR* ..... Marge Uhlarik  
*ASSISTANT DIRECTOR* ..... James M. Gill  
*PRODUCERS* ..... Gregg Palmer, Judy Seeley, Jean Durran

## THE CAST

(in order of appearance)

CARNELLE ..... Karen Bronson  
POPEYE ..... Ann L. Slivinski  
ELAIN ..... Barbara Harris  
DELMOUNT ..... Paul Roeder  
MAC SAM ..... Francis Valach  
TESSY ..... Janet Ulrich Brooks

SETTING :Brookhaven, Mississippi - a small southern town

TIME :The end of June and the beginning of July

## ACT ONE

Scene 1 - The living room of Ronelle Williams house about five o'clock  
Monday afternoon on a hot Saturday at the end of June

Scene 2 - The same setting about eight o'clock in the evening  
on the following Saturday

## INTERMISSION

Refreshments are served in the lobby.  
Smoking in the lounge area only, please.

## ACT TWO

Scene 1 - The carnival grounds about three o'clock in the afternoon  
on the Fourth of July

Scene 2 - Same setting, several minutes later

Scene 3 - Same setting, that evening

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**MARGE UHLARIK** (Director) - A director and sometime actor, Marge has directed Grove Player productions of *The Uninvited*, *Close Ties*, *My Three Angels*, *Once Upon a Mattress*, *Our Town* and this winter's production of *Pack of Lies*. Professional productions include *Beyond Therapy*, *Crimes of the Heart*, *The Outcasts of Poker Flat*, and for the College of DuPage *Telemachus Clay*. She has appeared as Martha in *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?*, Eleanor of Aquitaine in *The Lion in Winter*, Susan B. Anthony in *Little Victories* and most recently as Kate Keller in Grove Player's *All My Sons*. Marge is founder of the Ides of March Acting Studio in Chicago where she teaches.

**JAMES M. GILL** (Assistant Director/Stage Manager) - Currently Vice President and Finance Chairman, Jim has contributed his many talents to Grove Players since his first appearance on our stage in the 1985 production of *Imaginary Invalid*. Since that time, he has appeared in our production of *Follies*, *The Uninvited*, and *All My Sons* and, most recently, in this season's production of *Pack of Lies*. In addition to performing, he has stage managed, assistant directed, produced, built sets and run lights. His other credits include *Mary, Mary* and *Inherit the Wind* at Summer Place, Naperville; *Antigone* at Ad Hoc in Lisle; *Beyond Therapy* for Starlight Productions in Chicago; and *All My Sons* for JCL Productions in Chicago. Jim works for A T & T Bell Laboratories and lives in Naperville with his wife, Fran Chessler.

**KAREN BRONSON** (Carnelle) - Karen is an active member of Grove Players presently serving on the Board of Directors as Playreading Chairman. She has appeared in all three productions of this season, having played Jenny Fletcher in *On Blue Mountain* and Sally in *Pack of Lies*. She also appeared on GP's stage as Princess Winifred in *Once Upon a Mattress*, and Evelyn in *Close Ties*. Elsewhere, Karen has played Birdie in *Little Foxes* for Village Players, Oak Park; Reno Sweeney in *Anything Goes* for St. James Productions, Arlington Heights; and Sue Bayliss in *All My Sons* for JCL Productions, Chicago. She attended high school in California before coming to Illinois State University as a theatre major. She has studied voice with the Georgette Riems Studio and acting with the Ides of March Studio in Chicago.

**ANN L. SLIVINSKI** (Popeye) - We are pleased to welcome Ann back to our stage for the second production of this season. She appeared in our earlier production of *Pack of Lies* as Barbara Jackson. She has performed with the Craftsmen Theatre Company in Chicago as Grace Winslow in *The Winslow Boy* and with Oak Park Village Players as Clara in *Marty*, as Anna of Cleves in *Royal Gambit* and as Sara Brady in *Inherit the Wind*. She also played the part of Mistress Anne of the Cottage at King Richard's Faire in Bristol, Wisconsin from 1982 to 1985. Ann has a B.S. in Speech Communication from S.I.U. and an M.A. in Speech/Language Pathology from N.I.U. and is employed as a Speech/Language Pathologist at a grade school in Melrose Park.

**BARBARA HARRIS** (Elain) - We are also pleased to welcome back Barbara for her second production of this season. She played the part of Helen Kroger in our earlier production, *Pack of Lies*. Barbara is a multi-talented lady, having designed props for Marriott's Lincolnshire and Drury Lane East, designed costumes for Trinity Square Theater in Evanston and Footlighters in Des Plaines, She also designed and built six oversized animal ensembles at Celebration Station in Merrillville, Indiana. As a partner in Paper Moon Productions with husband, Jeff, she has "managed, built, painted and sewed". She has appeared on stage at Marriott's Lincolnshire with such greats as David Doyle and Eve Arden. She also appeared at New Lincoln Theatre and Victory Gardens with Ides of March Acting Studio, and at Old Orchard Country Club Theatre. A mother of four, Barbara is certified as a Montessori pre-primary educator.

**PAUL ROEDER** (Delmount) - A resident of Chicago, Paul is a newcomer to our stage. He has previously appeared at Theatre First in Chicago as Don Carney in *Biloxi Blues* and Johnny Cantoine in *1940's Radio Hour*; at Kelvyn Park in Chicago as Harry Berlin in *Luv* and as Stuart Framingham in *Beyond Therapy* for JCL Productions, Chicago.

**FRANCIS VALACH** (Mac Sam) - An active member of Grove Players, Frank was seen as the narrator, Jan, in the first production of this season, *On Blue Mountain*, and as Ellard in last year's production of *The Foreigner*. He also appeared in GP's productions of *Follies*, *The Uninvited* and *The Dining Room*. He has played the role of Raul in *Extremities* in Chicago and Dr. John Sherman in *E/R, Emergency Room* at the College of DuPage. Frank has also served on the Board of Directors for Grove Players.

**JANET ULRICH BROOKS** (Tessy) - Another welcome newcomer to our stage, Janet brings extensive theatre background to Grove Players. She has a BFA in Theatre/Dance from Central Missouri State University and an MFA in Acting from Western Illinois University. Her television work includes being a dancer and backup singer for several segments of Pat Boone USA, An Old Fashioned Christmas with Pat Boone and several commercials. Her comedy background includes Comedy Sportz, competitive improvisation in Kansas City, MO; Funny Side Up at The Carson Theatre, Warrensburg, MO and Live Wire, Channel 21, Arlington Heights IL. Janet worked with the Silver Dollar City theme park as director, choreographer, singer, actress, dancer and writer for all or part of ten seasons. We are glad that Janet made the long drive from Evanston, where she resides, to join us in this production.

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