

Directed by Molly Watkins

September 18-21 & 25-28, 2003

Deathtrap

By Ira Levin Produced by special arrangement with Dramatists Play Services, Inc.

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The Cast

Sidney Bruhl	Paul Ruff
Myra Bruhl	Madeline Golden
Clifford Anderson	Lyle Tate
Helga ten Dorp	MJ Etua
Porter Milgrim	Edwin Ellis

Setting

The Bruhl home in Westport, Connecticut

Act I, Scene i - Morning Act I, Scene ii - That evening Act I, Scene iii - Later that evening

Act II, Scene i - Several weeks later Act II, Scene ii - A few days later Act II, Scene iii - The next week

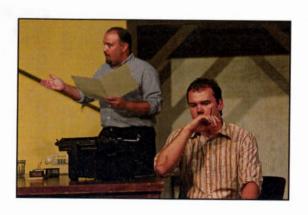
There will be a 15 minutes intermission between Acts.



The Crew

Director
Assistant Director
Stage Manager
Set Design
Set Decoration
Props
Costumes
Lights
Sound Technician
Scenic Backdrop
Fight Consultant
Set Construction

Molly Watkins Paula Mabry Andrew Watkins Molly Watkins Pattye Archer Ty Phillips and Carole Ramsey Jody Denney Thomas La Foe Mike Goettig Chris Greer Marcus Vowell Molly Watkins, Pattye Archer, Andrew Watkins, Paula Mabry, Paul Ruff, MJ Etua, Lyle Tate, Lora DeFore, Thomas La Foe, Mike Goettig, Bob Anderson, Edwin Ellis, Madeline Golden, Levon Terry, Albert Hunt, Debbie Dunaway, Erin Gerard, Ben Webster, Janna Hamaker, Shields Beck, Jasmine Frazier, Stephen Thames, Brell Davis, LeAndre' Macon, Drew Nash, Barbara Smith, Kayla Hill, Latasha Hill, Melinda Gwin, Taylor Gair, Nathan Herring, Alison Stamps, Ty Phillips, Meghan Dunaway & Albert Oppenheimer



Edwin Ellis

After an eight month absence from the stage, Edwin is happy to be performing once again in front of a live audience. As "Carl" in last season's *Marriage to an Older Woman*, Edwin charmed the crowds with kisses galore. Tonight he has a more subdued role as a lawyer (or does he have a secret life?). His last role in a mystery came in SCT's production of *Mousetrap* which was directed by co-cast member M. J. Etua. Edwin says, "It has been great having Molly as director and



working with the other members of this superb cast." He thanks Diane for her support of his participation in this 2003-2004 season opening production.

MJ Etua

You may have seen MJ on the SCT stage in the annual summer musical revues and in such shows as *Dearly Departed* and *Proposals*. She has also directed season and children's shows and currently serves as the director of Project P.L.A.Y. When MJ is not at the theatre, she is teaching Theatre Arts and Oral Communication at Louisville High School. In her off-time, she is a member of the board of the Mississippi Theatre Association and of a few Southeastern Theatre Conference committees. "When the moon is full, I am in top form." To family Etua: Akeval



Madeline Golden

Madeline's appearance in *Deathtrap* marks the start of her 21st season with SCT. Over the past 20 years, Madeline has had roles in more than 45 shows and has performed backstage duties in other productions. "SCT is a huge part of my life, and I am so thankful for the opportunity to be associated with this group of dedicated and talented volunteers and generous, supportive audience members." She sends thanks and love to *Deathtrap* director, cast and crew. She adds



this special note: "Yay, Paull I'm so glad to be a part of this show with you, to be "Myra" to your "Sidney." The hours that Madeline reluctantly stays away from the theater are spent in the Office of Agricultural Communications at Mississippi State.

Paul Ruff

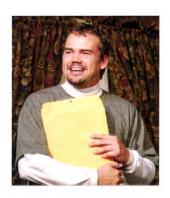
Paul's involvement with SCT dates back to 1992, before he went off to Jackson to become a pediatrician. Since his return to Starkville, he has performed in three summer musicals and three plays, including The Foreigner and Daddy's Dyin' (Who's Got the Will?). This production, however, is certainly his favorite to date. The role of "Sidney" has been the most challenging and the most rewarding, and the cast & crew have



been just incredible. He would like to thank everyone who kept their fingers crossed during auditions, including his wife, Cindy, who has been extremely understanding during the last few months (thank you babe). He also thanks his children (Daniel, Craig, and Reagan) who know only that Daddy seems to be always at the theatre. To Lyle - I can't imagine doing this without you, my friend. To Maddy - you always make it so easy and loads of fun. To Molly - you strive for the best and make your mark every time. Thank you for including me yet again. Finally, to Mom - I hope you're proud.

Lyle Tate

Lyle has been an active SCTer for the past 5 years, appearing in our productions of *The Exact Center of the Universe* ("Appleton Powell, Jr. & Sr."), *The Foreigner* ("Rev. David Lee"), *Daddy's Dyin' (Who's Got the Will?)* ("Buford 'Daddy' Turnover"), *Rumors* ("Ken Gorman"), *The Complete History of America {abridged}* (himself), among others and most recently in this summer's musical revue, 25. Playing the role of "Cliff" in tonight's



production of *Deathtrap* has been such a joy for Lyle as he has been priveleged to share the stage for the past 6 weeks with his dear friends and fellow actors Paul, Maddy, MJ, and Edwin. Lyle's thanks and appreciation go to his parents for their constant love and support; to Molly and Andrew for their friendship, direction, and trust; to Paul for being right here with him every moment of this great experience; to Madeline for their first-ever line together onstage; and to Pattye for knowing better than he did and for saying, "I told you so." "Out of these shadows comes the light." – R. Wainwright

Special Thanks

The cast and crew of Deathtrap thank the following businesses and individuals for their support of this production:

Armando de la Cruz

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Lora DeFore

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FlexSteel

Golden Triangle Bass Shop

Mississippi State University

OCH Regional Eye Center

And as always...

Thanks to Marsha Williams and Elizabeth Urbanik for their work in the Box Office, and Diane Ellis and Angel Ray for their work on the Opening Night Party!

Just Upstairs...

The Starkville Community Theater and Starkville Arts Council invite you upstairs during intermission and following tonight's performance to view art presented by

> Celeste Brignac Fay Fisher Jude Wood B.J. Chatham Ed Lowther Frances Thompson Nelle Elam

Assisted Listening System

Anyone who has difficulty hearing can now check out an assisted listening device at the Box Office. We have eight devices available, thanks to the generous contribution of Joe and Leota Cardwell. SCT thanks the Cardwells for their continued support!

Fund raising for the addition the building are going well, but we remain \$20,000 short of the funds needed to complete the project. SCT thanks each of you who have supported us in this effort, and encourage any future contribution as we work to improve the Playhouse on Main! Thank you again!

Audition

Auditions for SCT's next performance, *Inspecting Carol*, will be held Monday & Tuesday, September 21 & 22 at the Playhouse on Main. The cast of the comedy, directed by Pattye Archer, includes 11 adults and one 12-year-old boy. Auditions for the child role will take place Monday from 4-6 p.m. Adult auditions will be at 6 p.m. Monday and Tuesday. For information on the show or to request a script, please call our box office at 323-6855 and leave a message.

Opening Night Party

Welcome to opening night of Deathtrap, the first show in SCT's 26th season! The cast and crew would like to invite you to join them upstairs for an SCT tradition - the Opening Night Party! We promise good food and good friends!

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