



present



April 28, 29, and 30, 1978
Friday, Saturday 8 p.m.
Sunday 7 p.m.



The Grove Players present

NIGHT WATCH

by Lucille Fletcher

Produced by arrangement with Dramatists Play Service, Inc.

Cast

Elaine Wheeler	Susan Long *
John Wheeler	Dale Irvin
Helga	Barbara Murphy
Vanelli	Gary Erdakos *
Curtis Appleby	Richard Albright
Blanche Cooke	Debra Engelsman *
Lieutenant Walker	Chuck Balch
Dr. Tracey Lake	Elaine Albright
Sam Hoke	Bill Schneider

*New to our cast

Synopsis of Scenes

The action of the play takes place in the sitting-room of the Wheelers' Manhattan townhouse during mid-winter. The time is the present.

Act I

Scene 1: Five o'clock in the morning

Scene 2: Evening of the same day

Intermission

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

Act II

Scene 1: Twenty minutes later

Scene 2: Three days later, nine o'clock in the evening

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

Thank you for not taking flash photos during the performance.

Who's Who

Rosella Snyder (Director) - Director of some 15 Grove Players' productions, beginning with **Cloud Seven** in 1960 to **Wait Until Dark** in 1976, Rosella, of Western Springs, has appeared on stage in GP's **Cabaret** as Fraulein Schneider, and **Anastasia** as the Dowager Empress. A graduate of the University of Illinois with a degree in theater and speech, she has done graduate work at the University of Wisconsin and attended Lee Strasburg's Actors' and Directors' Seminars. She has taught theater and speech on the high school and college levels. Rosella also directs and performs with the Theatre of Western Springs, and is a member of the Dance Masters Guild.

Joe Schiavo (Producer and Set Designer) - A commercial artist, Joe, of Downers Grove, designed the sets for last season's **Fiddler on the Roof**, **6 Rms Riv Vu**, and **Picnic**, and for several productions during the 1950's. He also served as producer of **Picnic**. Joe appeared on stage in GP's **Mame** as Babcock and in **You Can't Take It with You** as Paul.

Susan Long (Elaine) - New to GP, Susan majored in theater at Northwestern University, where she also studied mime. She appeared in many plays at Northwestern, as well as with Berea High School and Berea Summer Theater, including roles as Little Mary in **The Women**, Abigail in **The Crucible**, Rebecca in **Our Town**, and Mrs. Stevenson in **Sorry, Wrong Number**. A Woodridge resident, Susan plays piano and clarinet, is employed as an associate buyer, and holds a green belt in Tae Kwan do.

Dale Irvin (John) - Tonight marks Dale's third consecutive appearance with GP this season---he appeared as Ito in **Mame** and Igor in **Cactus Flower**. Dale attended Forum Theater School and Second City Workshop. He has appeared with Palos Village Players in **Finishing Touches** as Fred Whitten and **God's Favorite** as Sydney Lipton. A resident of Downers Grove, Dale is an advertising account executive.

Barbara Murphy (Helga) - A graduate of the University of Illinois with a degree in teaching speech and drama, Barb has served both backstage and on stage during her 20 years with Grove Players. She portrayed Helen Potts in GP's **Picnic**, Penny in **You Can't Take It with You**, and Judge Wargrave in **Ten Little Indians**. She was assistant director of **Applause** and **The Sound of Music**. A resident of Westmont, she is a teacher.

Gary Erdakos (Vanelli) - Making his debut tonight with Grove Players, Gary, of Downers Grove, plays guitar and piano, and became acquainted with acting in college. He is a security supervisor with the U.S. Postal Inspection Service.

Richard Albright (Appleby) - Dick played the role of Dr. Julian Winston in GP's **Cactus Flower** last January. He has appeared in almost all GP musicals, including Oscar in **Sweet Charity**, and Bill Sampson in **Applause**. An actor in College of DuPage productions such as **The Miracle Worker**

Dick has also worked with the Wheaton Drama Club in **Nightwatch**. Dick is a teacher and lives in LaGrange Park.

Debra Engelsman (Blanche) - Debra joined Grove Players in January as a backstage worker for **Cactus Flower**. She has received dramatic training through the Botteghe Guild, Second City, and private lessons. With the Botteghe Guild, she played Emily in **Our Town** and Katrin in **I Remember Mama**. Debra lives in Downers Grove and is a film inspector, bartender, and student.

Chuck Balch (Lt. Walker) - A participant in 16 GP musicals, including **Mame** as Mr. Upson, and **Hello, Dolly!** as Vandergelder, Chuck has also lent his talents to 10 straight plays, such as **The Rainmaker** and **Arsenic and Old Lace**, and is an avid worker on set construction. A resident of Downers Grove, Chuck has done over 50 productions in all, including Downers Grove Oratorio Society concerts and IBC theatrical productions.

Elaine Albright (Dr. Lake) - A cast member of nearly all Grove Players' musicals, most notably as Irene Molloy in **Hello, Dolly!**, Elsa in **The Sound of Music**, and Marian in **Music Man**, Elaine has also appeared in **Roberta** at College of DuPage. She majored in voice at Augustana College and was a member of the Augustana Choir for four years. She and her husband, Dick, have two sons.

Bill Schneider (Hoke) - Bill, of Downers Grove, was a music major at Wesleyan University and has played trumpet with Les Elgart's Orchestra. A professional magician, he is a member of the International Brotherhood of Magicians. Bill has appeared with GP in **You Can't Take It with You** as Mr. DePinna.

Road Shows

The Grove Players can provide a variety of entertainment programs for your business, social, or community organizations. Contact Marge Uhlarik, 352-1347.

Fund Raiser

If your organization is conducting a fund-raising campaign, consider a theater benefit night at a Grove Players' performance. Grove Players offer tickets in blocks at discount rates to organizations or groups for member use or re-sale. Contact Paulette Sarussi, 579-0561.

Production Staff

Director	Rosella Snyder
Producer	Joe Schiavo
Assistant Director	Maggie Opal
Box Office	LaVada (Sam) Fron
Costumes	Janet Schneider
House Manager	Marlene Schiavo
Lighting	Jim McLaughlin
Makeup	Mary McLaughlin
Properties	Ron Holous, Pat Domer
Playbill	Pat Blaufuss, Donn Briner
Publicity	Pat Blaufuss
Scenic Painting	Ed Jacot, Chuck Balch, George Hansen, Joe Schiavo, Gary Erdakos, Ed Berrill, Bill Schneider, Rich Gannon
Set Construction	Chuck Budach, Ed Jacot, Chuck Balch, George Hansen, Joe Schiavo, Gary Erdakos, Tom Seeley, Ed Berrill, Bill Schneider, Rich Gannon
Set Design	Joe Schiavo
Sound	Wally Kurtz
Stage Manager	Maggie Opal
Ushers	Grove Players' members

and a host of other
Grove Players' members who assisted in all activities.

Executive Board

President	Ron Holous
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Treasurer	Bob Vonderohe
Exective Producer	Chuck Budach
Members-at-large	Pat Blaufuss, Lorle Buehl, Judy Hamontre, Marge Uhlarik
Ex-officio Member	Donn Briner

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Publicity/Playbill	Pat Blaufuss
Tickets	LaVada (Sam) Fron

Acknowledgements

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Photography George Hansen

Grove Players' Coming Attractions

Grove Players' Theatre Two

Thornton Wilder's



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Directed by Marge Uhlarik

Fri., Sat., May 26, 27, at 8 p.m.

Sun., May 28 at 7 p.m.

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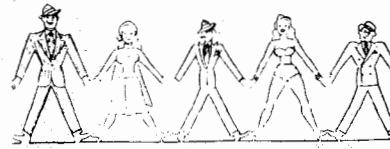


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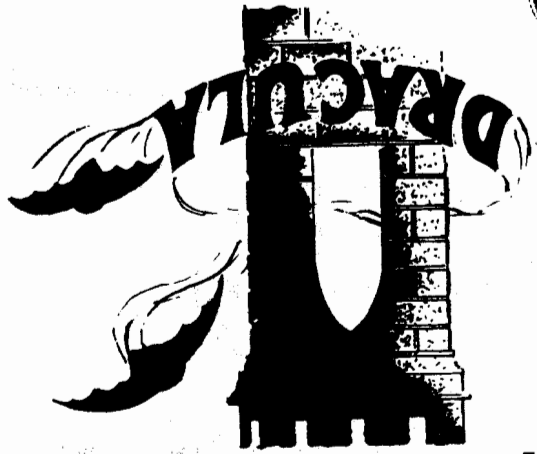
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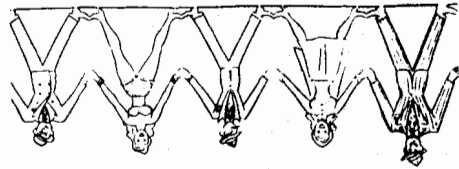
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The 1978-79 season promises a continuation of the group's endeavors to provide quality community theater through three major productions, ranging from a dazzling musical to a hilarious comedy and a serious drama; a Theatre Two production, offering innovative staging ideas in intimate surroundings; a variety of road shows, bringing entertaining musical revues to your club or church; and a children's theater program, sponsored in cooperation with the Downers Grove Park District.