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Plot is king in classic thriller *Deathtrap*

Olympia, WA – December 29, 2023 – Harlequin Productions presents *Deathtrap* by Ira Levin, January 19 – February 4, 2024 at the State Theater in downtown Olympia, WA. Artistic Director Aaron Lamb will direct.

Sidney Bruhl would do anything to publish the next great play. He would even kill for it. This dark comedy thriller will have audiences laughing one moment and screaming in terror the next as Sidney discovers he may not be the only murderer in the room. DEATHTRAP provides twists, turns, shocks and surprises that have held audiences rapt since its 1978 Broadway debut, where it set a record for longest-running comedy-thriller.

Why this production? Says Director Aaron Lamb, “*Deathtrap* is different from many of the traditional dramas we produce; this is a show about plot. Rather than asking the question ‘How do we feel,’ or ‘What should we do,’ this play is about what happens, and what happens will surprise you! Our 2024 season is an exciting one, and we’re starting out with a bang.”

The five actors in the production will be well-known to local audiences. Russ Holm and Jana Tyrrell, both of whom have performed in over 20 seasons with Harlequin, star as Sidney and Myra Bruhl. Xander Layden, Teri Lee Thomas, and Michael Christopher, a founding member of Theater Artists Olympia, round out the supporting roles.

What excites him about tackling this piece? Lamb says, “An intricately woven plot like this is an artform in itself. I’m excited to watch the audience and see them gasp and react when we throw them a curveball they’re not expecting!”

Link to publicity photos here: <https://harlequinproductions.org/2023/12/22/deathtrap-publicity-photos/>

Link to the show page here: <https://harlequinproductions.org/show/deathtrap/>

Production Information

WHAT: Harlequin Productions presents [Deathtrap](#) by Ira Levin, a classic thriller directed by Aaron Lamb.

WHEN: January 19 – February 4, 2024

WHERE: State Theater, 202 4th Ave East, Olympia, WA 98501

TICKETS: Tickets are available online at harlequinproductions.org, by phone at 360-786-0151, or in person 12-5:30 pm, Tuesday-Saturday at the Washington Center, and beginning 2 hours before performances at the State Theater.

Seasonal note: The Washington Center Box Office will be closed until January 9, 2024. Tickets are always available for online purchase.

General admission tickets \$43

Senior 60+/Military \$40

Student/Youths Under 25 \$28

Rush Tickets (2 hours prior to showtime) General \$25; Teens/Under 20 \$5

SPECIAL DATES FOR THE AUDIENCE:

Opening Night: Friday, January 19 at 7:30 pm

Pay-What-You-Choose: TBA prior to Opening

Closing*: Sunday, February 4 at 2:00pm

**All productions in the 2024 season will close with a Sunday Matinee*

CATEGORY: Thriller

AGE RECOMMENDATION: 12 and older with guidance

CAST:

Russ Holm	<i>Sidney Bruhl</i>
Jana Tyrrell	<i>Myra Bruhl</i>
Xander Layden	<i>Clifford Anderson</i>
Teri Lee Thomas	<i>Helga ten Dorp</i>
Michael Christopher	<i>Porter Milgrim</i>

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