



# DEATH TRAP

**BY IRA LEVIN**

Directed by  
Jeffrey Schmidt

**DECEMBER 7-31, 2023**



# Coming Up Next...



Jan 18-Feb 25



Feb 1- March 3



T3 is supported by its Board of Directors, by subscribers, by funds from the City of Dallas Office of Arts & Culture, The Texas Commission on the Arts, TACA, Dallas Tourism Public Improvement District, Hoblitzelle Foundation, and The Shubert Foundation. This project is supported in part by an award from the National Endowment for the Arts. A major contribution from the estate of Marlene Webb, a longtime subscriber, has established the Theatre Three Endowment Fund in support of the building and its equipment.



# T3 PEOPLE

---

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

CHAIR **Brad Brown**

BOARD MEMBERS **Suzanne Burkhead, Jon Collins, Rosa Medina-Cristobal, Mia V Glogau, Harrison Herndon, David Luther, Jessica Turner Waugh, Scott Williams**

OAC LIAISON **Linda Blase**

ADVISORY BOARD

**Janet Spencer Shaw**

## ADMINISTRATION

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR **Jeffrey Schmidt**

ASSOCIATE ARTISTIC DIRECTOR **Christie Vela**

MANAGING DIRECTOR **Kat Edwards**

ASSOCIATE PRODUCER **Sarah Barnes**

OPERATIONS MANAGER **David Saldivar**

DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATE **Tayla Underwood**

## PRODUCTION

PRODUCTION MANAGER **Dylan Hearn**

TECHNICAL DIRECTOR **Nicholas Thornburg**

APPRENTICES **Kelechi Imoh, Grace Simmons**

SCENIC ARTIST **Emily Hauelsen**

MASTER ELECTRICIAN **John Moss II**

## CUSTOMER SERVICE

BOX OFFICE MANAGER **James Chandler**

BOX OFFICE ASSOCIATES **Isa Flores,**

**Jackson Scoggins**

This playbill is a publication of Theatre Three, Inc.  
in support of  
*Deathtrap*

**NOTE TO AUDIENCE:** The videotaping or audio and/or visual recording of this production is a violation of United States Copyright Law and an actionable federal offense.



*Photo by Jeffrey Schmidt*



# Deathtrap

by Ira Levin

## ARTISTIC STAFF

DIRECTOR/SCENIC DESIGNER  
**Jeffrey Schmidt**  
LIGHTING DESIGNER  
**Nicole Iannaccone**  
COSTUME DESIGNER  
**Christie Vela**  
SOUND DESIGNER  
**Claudia Jenkins Martinez**  
PROPS DESIGNER  
**Sarah Barnes**  
FIGHT CHOREOGRAPHER  
**David Saldivar**  
DIALECT COACH  
**Jessica D. Turner**

## CAST

SIDNEY BRUHL  
**Blake Hackler\***  
MYRA BRUHL  
**Sarah Rutan\***  
CLIFFORD ANDERSON  
**Benjamin Stegmair**  
HELGA TEN DORP  
**Christie Vela\***  
PORTER MILGRIM  
**Robert San Juan**  
UNDERSTUDIES  
**Kally Duncan**  
**Logan Rhys Hallwas**

## PRODUCTION STAFF

STAGE MANAGER  
**Noelle Smith\***  
PRODUCTION ASSISTANT  
**Grace Simmons**

## SPECIAL THANKS

Dallas Theater Center  
Marty Van Kleeck  
Jennifer Kuenzer  
Echo Theatre  
Dallas Children's  
Theatre  
Elijah Mellish  
Ripley Bee

*\*indicates members working under  
Actors' Equity Association contracts in  
this production*

## SYNOPSIS OF SCENES

The action takes place in Sidney Bruhl's study,  
in the Bruhl home in Westport, Connecticut.

### ACT I

Scene 1: An afternoon in October of 1978

Scene 2: That evening

Scene 3: Two hours later

### ACT II

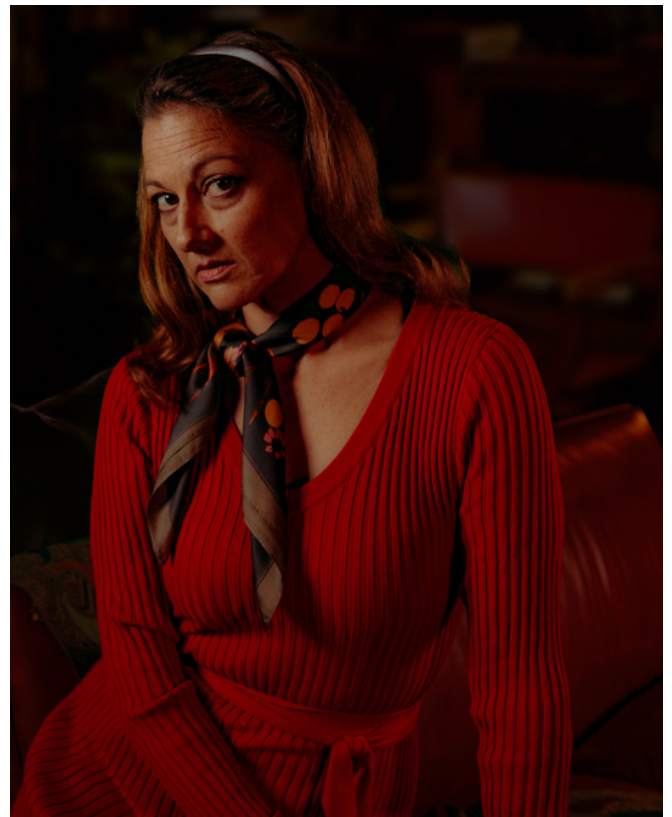
Scene 1: Two weeks later, morning

Scene 2: A week later, night

Scene 3: A week later, afternoon

During the 15 minute intermission,  
please be mindful of the crew moving  
large pieces of scenery.

**DEATHTRAP** is presented by special  
arrangement with Dramatists Play  
Service, Inc., New York



# Bios

---

**Jeffrey Schmidt, he/him (DIRECTOR/SCENIC DESIGNER)** is an actor, director, designer and writer with a 30 year history in theatre, film and television. He grew up in Whitehouse, Texas. His affiliation with T3 goes back to 90's in many different capacities. His passion is for new work and more specifically new work from Dallas and Texas based artists. He has been involved in more than 20 world premiere productions many of which were written by Dallas artists. Additionally, he is the Executive Artistic Director of The Drama Club and served as Artistic Director of Moonwater Theater Company for three years. He is a member of Actor's Equity Association and is represented by the Mary Collins Agency.

**Nicole Iannaccone she/ her (LIGHTING DESIGNER)**

For the last 20 years, I have worked professionally in the entertainment lighting industry. I enjoy designing lights as much as I enjoy getting a show in the air as an electrician. I have had the pleasure of doing both all over the United States and I look forward to many more projects. I also spend some of my free time painting and drawing. I have a dog and two cats and they are all perfect.

**Claudia Jenkins Martinez, she/her (SOUND DESIGNER)** is a Sound Designer and educator based in Dallas Texas. Recent works include: I Wanna F\*cking Tear You Apart, Stage West; Steel Magnolias, Pittsburgh Public Theater; Trouble In Mind, Dallas Theater Center, Hamlet, Shakespeare Dallas, Stede Bonnet: A F\*cking Pirate Musical, Theatre Three, The Sound of Music, Dallas Theater Center (Associate Sound Designer) Much love to the fam, Austin and the girls.  
@claud\_jenkinsmartinez

**Sarah Barnes, she/her (PROPS DESIGNER)** is incredibly grateful for the love of creative endeavors and resourcefulness her mother instilled in her. T3 has been her theatrical home for seven years. She was the Resident Stage Manager at Theatre Britain for six years. In her free time she roller derbies (acderby.com). Some of her friends call her Duckie.

**David Saldivar, he/him (FIGHT CHOREOGRAPHER)** is a certified Advanced Actor Combatant with the Society of American Fight Directors and an Associate Member of Stage Directors and Choreographers Society. He is the Operations Manager at T3 in Dallas and continues to work with local theaters & high schools. His most recent work includes King Lear and Hamlet at Shakespeare Dallas, World Series at Bishop Arts Theatre, Stede Bonnet: A F\*cking Pirate Musical at T3, and he is also the current Fight Director for Scarborough Renaissance Festival. For additional information you may reach him at [d.saldivar@theatricalsyndicate.com](mailto:d.saldivar@theatricalsyndicate.com)

**Jessica D. Turner, she/her (DIALECT COACH)** is a professional actor and dialect/speech coach based out of Dallas. Jessica has coached a number of theater, TV and film productions as well as many individual actors in DFW and surrounding areas. Jessica is also a Dialect Reduction Coach as well as a Performance Coach for Jenni Steck Voice and Speech Services based in Dallas ([www.jennisteck.com](http://www.jennisteck.com)). Also, during the Covid-19 Pandemic, Jessica worked extensively as a video communications consultant helping organizations successfully pivot to an online presence. She has been a member of Actor's Equity Association for over 20 years.

**Noelle Smith, she/her (STAGE MANAGER)** originally comes to us from a great little city about two hours east, Tyler, TX. She received her MA in Theatre from Louisiana Tech University and has stage managed in theatres across the US in Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Missouri, right here in the great state of Texas, and more. She has stage managed abroad for an international magic tour as well as on cruise ships. She is thrilled to share her talents for her first show with T3.

## Bios Continued

---



**Blake Hackler, he/him (SIDNEY BRUHL)** A two-time Fulbright Scholar, Blake Hackler has appeared in productions on Broadway, Off-Broadway and in regional theatres throughout the country. He is the current chair and head of acting at SMU and also holds a faculty position at Yale University. MFA, Yale School of Drama. Member, Brierley Resident Acting Company, Dallas Theater Center. 2023 Lunt-Fontanne Fellow.



**Sarah Rutan, she/her (MYRA BRUHL)** is thrilled to be back at T3! She was last seen at T3 in *Dangerous Liaisons*. Sarah spent seven seasons as a member of the acting company at the Oregon Shakespeare Festival. Her work at OSF included: *Othello*, *Taming of the Shrew*, *Coriolanus*, *The Diary of Anne Frank* and many others. Other regional theaters include: Dallas Theatre Center (*The Book Club Play*), Trinity Shakespeare Festival (*Richard III*), Amphibian Stage (*Spaceman*, *Babette's Feast*), Milwaukee Repertory Theatre (*Pride & Prejudice*) and Pasadena Playhouse. She has an MFA from SMU and currently teaches at UNT and KD Conservatory.



**Ben Stegmair, he/him (CLIFFORD ANDERSON)** is delighted to be back performing with T3, having previously appeared in *The Immigrant* (2020) and *It Came From Theatre Three* (2021). Select DFW Credits include: *A Midsummer Nights Dream*, *Two Gentleman of Verona*, *King Lear* (Shakespeare Dallas); *What We Were* (Circle Theatre and Second Thought Theatre); *Is Edward Snowden Single?* (Second Thought Theatre). Ben is also a voiceover artist for Crunchyroll. He is currently playing the lead character, Adonis, in *The Kingdoms of Ruin*. Other notable Crunchyroll credits include: *Psycho-Pass: Providence* (film), *That Time I Got Reincarnated As A Slime*, *The Legendary Hero is Dead*, *Sweet Reincarnation*, and *Ranking of Kings*.



**Christie Vela (COSTUME DESIGNER/ HELGA Ten Dorp)** is the Associate Artistic Director. Founding Member of the Brierley Resident Acting Company at Dallas Theater Center. She was most recently seen in *Tiny Beautiful Things* at DTC where she directed *A Christmas Carol* (2015, 2021), *Gloria*, *Fade* and *Real Women Have Curves*. You've also seen her work as director/actor in the Metroplex at Echo Theatre, Amphibian Stage, Undermain Theatre, Shakespeare Dallas, Teatro Dallas. She frequently directs outside of Dallas at Trinity Rep in Rhode Island and is adjunct faculty at Booker T. Washington HSPVA. She's an actual mom and a cat mom.

## Bios Continued

---



**Robbie San Juan, he/him (PORTER MILGRIM)** has appeared in productions for Classics Theatre Project, Uptown Theatre, Pocket Sandwich Theatre, Richardson Theatre Centre, The Firehouse Theatre, Theatre Britain, Rover Dramawerks and Genesis Children's Theatre. Past favorite roles include Benny/SILVER FOXES, Garry Essendine/PRESENT LAUGHTER, Tito Merelli/A COMEDY OF TENORS, Mikhail Platanov /Sex, Guns and Vodka (Anton Chekhov's unpublished play "Platinov"), Jud Fry/OKLAHOMA!, Gregory Roberts/LET IT BE ME and Aldo/fo/THE DROWSY CHAPERONE.



**Kally Duncan, she/her (FEMALE UNDERSTUDY)** is so excited to be back at T3! She has been a children's theatre director for the past three years and is now obtaining a Masters in Acting at SMU. Some of her regional credits include The Elephant Man (T3), Life Sucks. (Stage West), The Rehearsal (IMPRINT Theatrewerks), and City Dionysia (AT&T Elevator Project/Giant Ent.), as well as Lyric Stage, Kitchen Dog, and Dallas Children's Theatre. Understudying is no easy feat, and she would like to thank Jeff and Theatre Three for entrusting her with learning these characters' lives.



**Logan Rhys Hallwas, he/him, (MALE UNDERSTUDY).** Logan is originally from Vancouver, BC, Canada, and is now living in Dallas, TX. He graduated with a BFA in Theatre Performance from Simon Fraser University in 2020, and is currently pursuing his MFA in Acting at Southern Methodist University. In Canada, Logan was a company member of Fight With a Stick Performance Group (2018-2020), and was a recipient of the Professional Performing Arts Residency grant from the Canada Council for the Arts at The Anvil Centre in British Columbia. In Dallas, he has most recently worked with Fair Assembly on, As You Like It.

**Ira Levin (PLAYWRIGHT)** was twenty-two when he wrote his first novel, the award-winning thriller "A Kiss Before Dying," and twenty-five when, fresh from military service, he wrote his first play, the smash-hit adaptation of Mac Hyman's "No Time for Sergeants." In the years since, he has continued to work both sides of the literary street. His plays include the comedy hit CRITICS CHOICE, the musical DRAT! THE CAT!, and the thrillers VERONICA'S ROOM and DEATHTRAP. Among his novels are "Rosemary's Baby," generally credited (or blamed) for having sparked the current revival of occultism, "The Stepford Wives," and the international best-seller, "The Boys from Brazil," all of which have been made into successful films. His later plays include FOOTSTEPS and CANTORIAL, which enjoyed runs both Off-Broadway and in Florida. His best-selling novel "Sliver" has been made into a film. A native-born New Yorker, Mr. Levin is an alumnus of New York University and has three sons. In addition to his other accomplishments, he is a four-time winner (retired) of the "New York Magazine" Competition. Mr. Levin's DEATHTRAP garnered a 1978 Tony Award nomination for Best Play and was awarded a special Edgar Award by Mystery Writers of America.

[www.iralevin.org](http://www.iralevin.org)



# T3 Patrons- Annual Fund

T3 is committed to recognizing the donors who ensure our ability to make world class theatre here in Dallas. Join this list of wonderful patrons and make a gift to T3's Annual Fund today! While we work diligently to ensure that everyone is acknowledged properly for their contributions, sometimes mistakes are made. If you have corrections to request - Please, call our Managing Director, Kat Edwards at (214) 871-3300 ext 101 to ensure that you are recognized accurately in the future.

## **THEATRICAL ANGELS**

### **\$10,000 and above**

Ms. Mia Glogau  
Ms. Sarah M. Hansen  
Mr. David G. Luther, Jr.  
Mrs. Janet Spencer Shaw & Mr. Lewis Shaw  
Mr. Paul Wingo  
*McCafferty-Sear Family Trust*  
*Eugene Straus Charitable Fund*  
*City of Dallas Office of Arts and Culture*  
*The Shubert Foundation*  
*State of Texas*  
*Visit Dallas (DTPIDC)*

## **PRODUCER'S CIRCLE**

### **\$1,000-\$9,999**

Ida Jane & Doug Bailey  
Mr. Bill Bond  
Brad & Rebecca Brown  
Ms. Suzanne Burkhead  
De Passe Family Giving Fund  
In Memory of Pieter & Afaf Dubbelday  
Mrs. Michelle Duyck  
Stan Graner & Jim McBride  
Fred and Jerri Grunewald  
*Harry S. Moss Foundation*  
Charles & Trudy Hess  
Ms. Emily Jefferson  
*Moody Fund*  
Margot B. Perot  
Booker T Washington Theatre Guild  
Jessica Turner Waugh and Jeff Waugh  
Jack & Victoria Tutterrow  
Anonymous  
*Unmasqued*  
Betsy Cook & Chris Wells  
Mr. Dale A. Wheeler  
TACA  
*Texas Commission on the Arts*  
*Texas Instruments Foundation*

## **LEADING PLAYERS**

### **\$500-\$999**

Mr. & Mrs. Edward & Lisa Ahnert  
John P. Bell, Jr.  
KEMB  
Brad and Rebecca Brown  
Carol L. Croy  
Claudia Davis  
Laura V. Estrada  
Doug Dorey & Bob Goldberg  
Michael & Lynette Hajduk  
Daniel Jacobson  
Melinda Johnson  
Sam & Barbara McKenney  
Deborah McMurray  
Karol and Larry Omlor

William and Conni St. Angelo  
Kathy S. Ward  
*In Honor of Janet Spencer Shaw*  
Scott & Susan Williams

## **GRAND STAND**

### **\$250-\$499**

Mr. & Mrs. Gregory K. Boydston  
Mr. Lynn & Andrew B. Derman  
Carol Jablonski & Michael Dill  
Lee & Paula Eilbott  
W. John Glancy  
Ms. Pauline Graivier  
Mr. & Mrs. Jack W. Hawkins  
Catharina Haynes  
*Hks Architects*  
Harry Maplass  
Michael & Janine Mason  
Lynn Morgan  
Jason Scoggins  
Julie Rogers  
Deborah & Craig Sutton  
Marianne Wilson  
Alison Wright

## **BACKSTAGE BENEFACTORS**

### **\$125-\$249**

Laura Anderson  
Charles & Susan Amett  
Curtis Bagley  
John Barnes  
Nancy Barton

Lori Bensing  
Cathey Ann Fears & Mark Blaquiere  
Allison Bret  
Mrs. and Mr. Rita Clinton and Cleveland Clinton

John Davies  
Ms. Ruth McAlester Duff  
Harryette Ehrhardt  
Brian Ferrell  
Robert Forner  
Nancy & Solomon Israel  
Parris Jones  
Tracy LaFleur  
Cecilia McKay  
Gary Grubbs  
Mr. & Mrs. Jim Nugent  
Ms. Carlene Peal-Sconce  
Bill Pervin & Susan Chizeck  
Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth And Andrea Pfannstiel  
Anonymous  
Linda Vorhies

## **FRIENDS**

### **\$1-\$124**

Mr. and Mrs. Timothy & Laurie Ackermann  
John and Susie Alexander  
Jenna Anderson  
Anonymous  
Kelly Arroyo



## T3 Patrons continued

---

### FRIENDS

#### \$1-\$124

Andrew Astmann  
Mikaela Baker  
Linda Bambina  
Joan Baron  
Susan Bartlett  
Jeanette Bell  
Ms. Sally W. Bennett  
*Blackbaud Giving Fund*  
In memory of Shari Melde  
Linda Blasé  
Claire Boschert  
Wayne & Tonna Brock  
Larry & Talan Burgess  
Judith Calvert  
Patsy Camp  
Kathleen Campbell  
Bradley Campbell  
Stan Carpenter  
Mrs. Nancy Chamberlain-Strupp  
Marie Charlson  
Gilbert Clint  
Suzanne Cobb  
David Coffee  
Duane Coker  
Ms. Leslie Collins  
Ms. Gail Cronauer  
Carol L. Croy  
Fred Curchack  
Ava Damri  
William Davis  
Mr. Wes Davis  
Lisa Dawson  
Kate Demander  
Drew Dixon  
Presley Duyck  
Maureen and David Ehrlicher  
Mr. R Bruce Elliot  
Tim and Patricia Elliot  
Cindy Ernst  
Ms. Elizabeth Evans  
Sharyl Fahey  
Boyce & Pat Farrar  
Michael Federico  
Drew Feldman & Ty Fanning  
Stephanie Felton  
Marsha Fincher  
Dorothy Fischer  
Mrs. Sharon Fritz  
Ms. Jane S. Gaines  
John Garrad  
Liz Garza  
Adrian Godinez  
Anonymous  
Greg & Heda Hahn  
Ms. Dawn Marie Hallgren  
Tracy Hargis  
Thomas Harris  
Ms. Elizabeth Ann Hawkins  
David & Cherry Haymes  
Bruce Hearn  
Sandi Hebley  
Christiane Hepfer  
Morley and Cheryl Herbert  
Dan Hinson  
Julia Holman  
Elisabeth Humphries  
Mr. Kris Ikejiri  
Mr. Mark Jacobs  
Amy Mills Jackson  
Howard & Marla Janco  
Gil & Forrest  
Sue & Phil John  
James Johnson  
Scott Jordan and Tim Myrick  
Elizabeth Kensek  
Kathryn Kessler  
Josh Kingcade  
Rita Kliebert  
Marianne Kolar  
Wendy Koster  
Chuck & Lolisa Laenger  
Mrs. Kelly K. Lane  
Jessica LaVilla  
Nicole LeBlanc  
Jeannine Lee  
Maria Denise Lee  
Gene Leslie  
Flo Leslie  
Alan H Levi  
Eleanor Lindsay  
Ellen Locy  
Bianca Lofton  
Ralph Long  
Betsabeth Lugo  
Gregory Lush  
Katherine Marchant  
Betsy Matheson  
Al Mayo  
Robert McCollum  
Michelle McCullough  
Michael McFarland  
Ms. Frances McGlenn  
Sharon Mervis  
Corinne Minshev  
Weldon Moore  
Madeleine Morris  
Amy Munn  
Liv Murphy  
Liz Naughton  
Richard Nearing  
Mr. Mircea Vasile Negrea  
Stefan Newman  
Mr. & Mrs. Jim Nugent  
Patricia Parker  
Maya Pearson  
Yvonne Perkins  
Danielle Pickard  
Marc Pinker  
Allison Pistorius  
Brad Pritchett & David Chadd  
Christopher Progler  
Karen Raehpour  
Alex Rain  
Jeff Rane  
Susan E Read  
David Ricker  
Paul Ridley  
Karen Robinson  
Zade Rosenthal  
Nancy Rubin  
Ken & Phyllis Rueckert  
Lisa Ryan  
Karina Sanchez  
Jocelyn Schmidt  
Paul Scott  
Cara Serber  
Mr. & Mrs. Gregory Shinn  
Gretchen Shoultz  
Anne Shuttee  
Allen Simmons  
Mazem Sino  
Susan Swan Smith  
Kent Smith  
Nancy Spence  
Jason Spinos  
Jay Stankiewicz  
Maribeth Stickel  
James F. Strune &  
Mary Anne Gentry-Strune  
Peggy Sullivan  
Thomas Taylor  
Mr. S. Mark Teich  
Rhonda Thompson  
Robert Todd  
Ms. Nancy Tuffin  
June Underhill  
James Underhill  
Tayla Underwood  
Scott Williams  
Jane Willingham  
Angela Turner Wilson  
Andy Smith & Paul von Wupperfeld  
Anonymous  
Mrs. Carol Wright  
Ken & Anita Wrobel  
Natalie Young  
Riki Zide  
Michael Zidell



TACA – The Arts Community Alliance – supports excellence and impact in the arts through grantmaking, capacity building, and thought leadership. Our growing investment in the arts fuels dynamic organizations, exciting new work, and increasing opportunities for artists and audiences to connect – all making Dallas a great place to live and work.



[taca-arts.org](http://taca-arts.org)