

Comedy-thriller 'Deathtrap' next at Star Theatre

The comedy-thriller "Deathtrap" will open Tuesday at the Star Theatre of Flint and run through June 29. Performances are at 8:30 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, and matinees at 2:45 p.m. Saturday-Sunday.

The Ira Levin play will star Robert Reed as mystery writer Sydney Bruhl. Bruhl has a problem: he hasn't had a hit in 17 years and announces that he's willing to murder to remedy the situation.

Out of this announcement emerges a tangle of schemes, plots and counterplots that embrace the audience in an evening-long game.

Comedienne Nancy Kulp will star as the Dutch psychic whose specialty is prophesying crime and advising police on difficult cases.

Robert Reed comes to Flint a second time, having appeared in "Fishing Troughs" with Barbara Rush in 1974. He was seen as the debonair and decadent millionaire Teddy Boylan on TV's "Rich Man, Poor Man."

REED'S PERFORMANCES include portraying a husband and father who underwent a transsexual operation, on TV's "Medical Center." He also is remembered for his role as Mike Brady, father on the TV situation comedy "The Brady Bunch."

Reed's dramatic career began in Muskogee, Okla., where he was active in high school drama and worked as an announcer, writer and producer on local radio stations.

After graduating from Northwestern University, he attended the Royal Academy of Dramatic Arts where fellow classmates included Diana Rigg, Albert Finney and Peter O'Toole.

Upon moving to the West Coast, Reed landed several series: the Emmy-award-winning "The Defenders," "The Brady Bunch" and "Mannix." He has been honored by the Television Academy with Emmy nominations for "Rich Man, Poor Man," "A Third Sex" on "Medical Center" and "Roots."

He recently was seen in the televi-

sion mini-series "Scruples," based on the Judith Krantz best-seller.

NANCY KULP is known by television audiences throughout the U.S. as Jane Hathaway (the secretary) on the "Beverly Hillsbillies" and Pamela Livingston (the birdwatcher) on the "Bob Cummings Show." Her career encompasses years of television, motion picture and theatrical roles, and she has received numerous dramatic honors for her work in the industry.

Ms. Kulp was born in Harrisburg, Pa., and received her education from Florida State University and the University of Miami. Her television credits include such audience favorites as "I Love Lucy," "Playhouse 90" and "Our Miss Brooks."

She has appeared in five Jerry Lewis films and also starred in "The Three Faces of Eve" and "The Parent Trap."

Ms. Kulp's stage appearances include the roles of Florence Baker in "Butterflies Are Free," Bertha in "Pippin" and Aunt Eller in "Oklahoma."

Her role as Jane Hathaway on "The Beverly Hillsbillies" won her an Emmy nomination in 1967. She has also been honored by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Sciences, the Board of Directors Screen Actor's Guild and appears in "Who's Who in America."

Tickets for all performances of "Deathtrap" are available at the Star Theatre of Flint's Box Office at Whiting Auditorium in Flint's Cultural Center or by calling 239-1464.

Group rates and senior citizen's prices are available. Visa and MasterCard are accepted. Box office hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday.



ROBERT REED



NANCY KULP

Melikin Puppets return to Detroit Youtheatre

Chicago's Melikin Puppet Theatre will give 10 performances, at 8:30 and 10:45 a.m. July 7-11 in the auditorium of the Detroit Institute of Arts.

Two different programs will be offered.

On July 7, 9 and 11, the program includes the fairy tale classics, "Chicken Little," "Goldilocks" and "Little Red Riding Hood," for ages 3 years and up. (Children younger than 3 years will not be admitted.)

On July 8 and 10, giant hand puppets will tell "Totem Tales," stories of American Indian legend, for families

with young people 5 years of age and older. (No children younger than 5 years will be admitted.)

Tickets at \$2 each for children and adults (\$1.50 each in groups of 10 or more) may be purchased in advance through the museum ticket office (832-2730).

For nearly a decade, the Melikin Puppets have regularly been scheduled on Detroit Youtheatre's October-May "Something Every Saturday" series as well as the museum's summer puppet shows, performing classic children's stories and their own original material.

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