Her voice is an instrument

By ETHEL SIMMONS

Actress Grayson Hall can seem intimidating, at first. But it's not her fault. It's her voice.

"I have this big, deep voice," she explained, in her big, deep voice. Actually, it doesn't overpower you with volume, during a conversation, or interview — as was the case.

But it does have a throaty sound that projects. Telephone operators call her sir. Which doesn't please her.

Friend Richard Burton, however, said to her: "Other people have voices. You and I have instruments."

Ms. Hall first met Burton when she made her Hollywood film debut in "The Night of the Iguana." She subsequently was nominated for an Academy Award for her strong character portrayal in the movie.

MOST PEOPLE connect Grayson Hall with her role as a doctor in the cult TV soap opera "Dark Shadows." That series ran five years, and she played the doctor for four years. It was revived once on TV and may return again in re-runs.

Entering P. J. Clarke's restaurant, across the street from the Birmingham Theater, Ms. Hall was greeted with recognition from the waitress, who recalled her from "Dark Shadows."

Over morning coffee, the New York stage actress detailed some of her juicier parts including the one in "Veronica's Room."

She co-stars with Kim Darby in "Veronica's Room," a thriller by Ira Levin, opening Monday at the Birmingham Theater. "It's a fascinating play. It really is scary," she said.

"I'm scary," Ms. Hall continued, rather gleefully. Asked to reveal more, she said, "I can't tell. There are a lot of secrets in this play."

Ms. Hall has short red hair that springs back from her face. Her brown eyes are prominent and expressive, especially when she removed her shaded glasses and widened her eyes for emphasis.

SHE HAS a redhead's fair complexion and has well-defined cheekbones. Despite a very normal, rather striking appearance, Ms. Hall describes herself as "bony and funny looking."

Along with her "odd voice," she attributes the roles she gets to the fact that she looks offbeat.

Grayson Hall likes playing eras zies, and she's scary in "Veronica's Room," opening at the Birmingham Theater.

In "Dark Shadows," "I was a doctor in love with a vampire. He didn't love me back. I gave him shots (to make him human) and he aged 200 years."

She thinks the incredible popularity of "Dark Shadows" was because, "It was a first, the first time any of the supernatural was on television."

Along with TV's "Star Trek," "Dark Shadows" has constant fans who get together at annual conventions. In fact, she said, cultists of both shows get together at joint conventions, in California.

Ms. Hall goes to California every year to do a TV movie of the week. In a TV role on "Kojak" she played the mother of a rapist-murdered

"I DON'T always play heavies," she pointed out. "It's most interesting." She was a nice lady, as the wife of Lee J. Cobb in a movie of the week, a caper that co-starred Gig Young

And she was also nice in a Walt Disney film, as a kidnapped bank teller in "That Darn Cat." Not one to deny her more lurid roles, she said, "I do like playing cranes."

She sang in "my big, low voice" for the first time on Broadway in "Happy End" by Brecht and Weill. The show ran for six months at the Martin Beck Theater.

The character she played was the head of a gang of crooks. "I was The Fly. It was a great campy thing." Her costume included an antenna and a battery pack, so she lit up.

In the TV movie "Gargoyles," "I got involved with gargoyles and they killed me." In the New York play "The Leaf People" she was in a capsule overhead, translating an invented (by the playwright) language of Brazilian natives.

MS. HALL said she turns down a lot of roles. She doesn't have to work. Her husband Sam is an award-winning writer who wrote "The Adams Chronicles," telecast on PBS, wrote for "Dark Shadows" and does the outlines for "One Life to Live," another daytime soaper.

2 area students appear in U-M show

Ellen Sandweiss of Birmingham is playing the role of anthropologist Claire De Lune in the UAC Musket production of Leonard Bernstein's musical "On the Town" Thursday-Saturday, April 5-7, at the Power Center in Ann Arbor.

Southfield resident Jay Kaplan will sing and dance in the musical.

The musical tells the madcap adventures of three happy-go-lucky sailors who find romance while on a 24-hour leave in New York City.

THE SHOW WILL be presented at 8 p.m. with a special Saturday matinee performance at 2 p.m. Tickets can be obtained at the Michigan Union box office in Ann Arbor.

Ms. Sandweiss began her theatrical career in Birmingham, where she attended Groves High School and performed in several of its musical productions. She also performed extensively at the Will-O-Way Apprentice Theater in Bloomfield Township. At present, she is a junior at U-M majoring in theater.

She continues to pursue her theatrical career through performances with the Soph Show, Showcase, and Musket theater groups.

CLAIR DE LUNE, whom she portrays in "On The Town," is a seemingly prim and proper anthropologist repressing within herself a raging fire of passion and emotion.

Ozzy, a sailor on leave in the Big Apple, accidentally meets her in a museum and Claire suddenly finds herself carried away. It's the beginning of a relationship filled with comedy, song and dance.

Kaplan is a freshman in the Literature, Science and Arts college of the University of Michigan. He attended Southfield Lathrup High School and while there, performed in many of its theatrical productions.

This is his first appearance in a Musket production. Musket is a student-run theater group at the University of Michigan that produces two musicals every year.

"On the Town" was first produced on Broadway in 1944 and was Leonard Bernstein's first musical. Gene Kelly starred in the MGM movie version of the show.

"On The Town" is noted for its comedy, dances and songs such as "New York, New York" and Clair De Lune's comic lament "Carried Away."

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