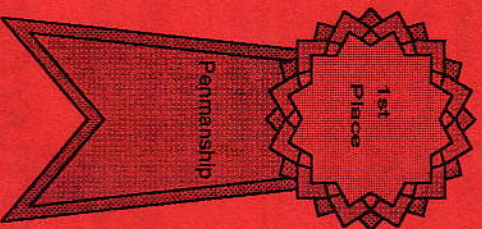


**ANKENY COMMUNITY THEATRE  
PRESENTS**

**BAD SEED**

**BY MAXWELL ANDERSON**



**OCT. 15 - 7:30 PM  
OCT. 16 - 7:30 PM**

**OCT. 22 - 7:30 PM  
OCT. 23 - 7:30 PM  
OCT. 24 - 2:00 PM**

**OCT. 28 - 7:30 PM  
OCT. 29 - 7:30 PM  
OCT. 30 - 7:30 PM**

**1999**

WELCOME TO ANKENY COMMUNITY THEATRE

ACT welcomes you to their fall show, *BAD SEED*. We hope you enjoy the show and subsequently will invite your family and friends to attend. YOU are our best advertisement!

Please help yourself to the snack food before the show and during intermission. Your contributions are welcome and can be placed in the provided baskets. Restrooms are located behind the stage. Watch for the signs.

If you are interested in our season ticket offer or becoming a member of ACT, please seek out the house manager or a Board member to answer any questions. COME BACK AGAIN.

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NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR.....

You are in for a real change of pace tonight. Humor and music have been the mainstays of our theatrical productions the last few years. However, we have decided that now is the time to entertain you with a chilling, intense and suspenseful thriller. We have chosen the classic *Bad Seed* to set your spine 'atingling! ACT is very proud to demonstrate how versatile our talented performance and production crews can be.

This is not the first time Rhoda's smile has captivated ACT's patrons, and we trust that you will be as intrigued with our production of *Bad Seed* by Maxwell Anderson as were the audiences a decade ago.

Gracie and I feel we have picked another winner. Enjoy!

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to be the initials 'JG' or similar, written in dark ink.

NOTE FROM THE PRODUCER.....

On the evening of October 30, Harold Mosier (stage manager supreme) will stand in for the Col. Kenneth Penmark character. If you would like to enjoy the show twice (or more), you can witness Harold's debut on the stage--for free!

CAST OF CHARACTERS  
(in order of appearance)

Rhoda Penmark . . . . . Allie Haight  
Col Kenneth Penmark . . . . . Rick Fleener  
Christina Penmark . . . . . Amy Schuler  
Monica Breedlove . . . . . Kathryn Bisbey  
Emery Wages . . . . . Kevin Sprague  
Leroy . . . . . Randy Dunwoody  
Miss Fern . . . . . Karen Sandoval  
Reginald Tasker . . . . . Kent Whitmore  
Mrs. Daigle . . . . . Debi Garner  
Mr. Daigle . . . . . Troy DeStigter  
Richard Bravo . . . . . John Lee

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Scenes all take place in the apartment of Col. and Mrs. Penmark, in the suburb of a Southern city, *circa* 1950.

ACT I

Scene 1: Early morning. A day in June.  
Scene 2: 2:30 P.M., the same day.  
Scene 3: Evening, the same day.  
Scene 4: Mid-morning, a few days later.

(There will be a 15 minute intermission)

ACT II

Scene 1: Late afternoon, the next day.  
Scene 2: After breakfast, the next morning.  
Scene 3: After dinner, the same day.  
Scene 4: A few days later



# BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES OF THE CAST

NAME: Troy DeStigter Nickname: Howie

Role in 'Bad Seed': Mr. Daigle Role Model: Nick Nolte

As per Madam Director, after what actor/actress should you pattern your role in 'Bad Seed'? Dagwood,

Interesting hobbies/pastimes? Collecting record albums  
and other music memorabilia

Interesting family or job tid-bits: Waiting for auditions.

List your three favorite roles: Eddie in "Sunshine Boys,"  
Howie in "Our Town" and Deputy Frank in "Front Page"

Who knocked the hole in the wall? Kevin Sprague

Probable award to be bestowed after 'Bad Seed': The  
most reliable Thespan in town!

NAME: Amy Schuler Nickname: Ami of Paris

'Bad Seed' role: Christine Denmark Role Model: Twiggy

As per Madam Director, after what actor/actress should you pattern your role in 'Bad Seed'? JoAnn Woodward

Interesting hobbies/pastimes? Browsing art museums  
and just starting to meditate

Interesting family or job tid-bits: Working for a Chinese  
importer. Has traveled to the Far East and Europe.

List your three favorite roles: Has played in "The Wiz,"  
"Gays and Dolls" and the AOT Reunion Show.

Who knocked the hole in the wall? The bullet did it.

Probable award to be bestowed after 'Bad Seed':

Award for Permanent Dispair

NAME: Allyssa Marie Haight Nickname: Allie

'Bad Seed' role: Rhoda Penmark Role Model: Sabrina

As per Madam Director, after what actor/actress should

you pattern your role in 'Bad Seed'? Fallen Angel

Interesting hobbies/pastimes? Softball, soccer,

basketball, church choir, trumpet and computer freak

Interesting family or job tid-bits: Mom Jill, Dad

Hal, sister Haley and Fifth Grade!

List your three favorite roles: Playing with her

friends and being "Rhoda". This is her debut on stage.

Who knocked the hole in the wall? What wall?

Probable award to be bestowed after 'Bad Seed': The

Best Little Girl Actress in Ankeny, Iowa!

NAME: Kevin D. Sprague Nickname: ki's-ki's

'Bad Seed' role: Emery Magee Role Model: Tim Conway

As per Madam Director, after what actor/actress should

you pattern your role in 'Bad Seed'? Randy Durnwoody

Interesting hobbies/pastimes? I help remove raccoons

from friends' garage and do "theater in the hole in the wall".

Interesting family or job tid-bits: I avoid horses that

like to step on my toes and run for dog catcher in Polk City.

List your three favorite roles: "Bedfull of Foreigners,"

"Musical Comedy Murders of 1940 and "Mousetrap", playing

Karak, Eddie and Sgt. Trotter, respectively.

Who knocked the hole in the wall? Grace, but I will

fix it for her.

Probable award to be bestowed after 'Bad Seed':

"Mysterious" carpenter of the year (decade)

NAME: Kathryn Sisbey Nickname: Kal

'Bad Seed' role: Monica Breedlove

Role Model: Mom and Dad As per Madam

Director, after what actor/actress should you

pattern your role in 'Bad Seed'? Billy Davis

Interesting hobbies/pastimes? Theater.

Theater and rollerblading, plus cats and a fan.

Interesting family or job tid-bits: I have a family

member who pitches for the Baltimore Orioles.

List your three favorite roles: "Nurse," "Milk

Shop of Horrors," and "Musical Comedy Murders of

1940," Sister Mary Ann, Amnesia, Fudge, and Madam

Non Grossenkuten, respectively.

Who knocked the hole in the wall? I know who did

but I'll never tell.

Probable award to be bestowed after 'Bad Seed':

Miss Pop-in-Fresh.

NAME: John Lee Nickname: Big Bad John

'Bad Seed' role: Richard Brown Role Model: Jon Arley

As per Madam Director, after what actor/actress should

you pattern your role in 'Bad Seed'? The Duke

Interesting hobbies/pastimes? Enjoying life.

Interesting family or job tid-bits: Biggest pleasure is

enjoying wife, Jerr and adult kids Brandon and Jessica.

List your three favorite roles: A snake in "ApplePiee"

a newsboy in "Streetcar" and dressed "Hell's Out There"

Who knocked the hole in the wall? Ronald Reagan

Probable award to be bestowed after 'Bad Seed':

"Hiding from Harold....."

NAME: Debra Garner Nickname: Debi-Missy Moon

Role in 'Bad Seed': Mrs. Daigle Role Model: M. Monroe

As per Madam Director, after what actor/actress should you pattern your role in 'Bad Seed'? Stelen Stages

Interesting hobbies/pastimes? Ballroom dancing,

(Cha-cha, waltz, swing, tango), chasing white rabbits

Interesting family or job tid-bits: I've never been smashed,

so Mrs. Daigle is real acting!

List your three favorite roles: Veta in "Starway,"

Snoopy in "Good Man, Charlie Brown," and Glorvia in

"Everybody Loves Opal"

Who knocked the hole in the wall? Mrs. Daigle did it!

Probable award to be bestowed after 'Bad Seed':

"Cry Me a River" award

NAME: Randy Dumboody Nickname: Dandy Randy

Role in 'Bad Seed': Leroy Role Model: Peter Lotry

As per Madam Director, after what actor/actress should

you pattern your role in 'Bad Seed'? One of the 3 stooges

Interesting hobbies/pastimes? Collecting cartoon

glasses and going to flea markets

Interesting family or job tid-bits: Don't ask me; ask

someone that knows me

List your three favorite roles: Barrymore, the butler in

"Hound of Baskervilles"; the King (not Elvis) in "Once

Upon a Mattress" and Mr. Cherry in "Silver Whistle"

Who knocked the hole in the wall? I know, but I will

never tell! Okay, it was Kent (I think)

Probable award to be bestowed after 'Bad Seed': The

Best Little Boy Electric chair impression!



NAME: Rich Steener Nickname: Oher.

Role in 'Bad Seed': Col. Kenneth Penmark

Role Model: Eric Stratton. OR/GRAN

As per Madam Director, after what actor/actress should you pattern your role in 'Bad Seed'? Tim Matheson

Interesting hobbies/pastimes? Baseball, mowing,

selling insurance (very interesting), caring for Theresa

Interesting family or job tid-bits: Life is interesting;

Won't trade with anyone. What a great trip it's been.

List your three favorite roles: Life and times of Rich

Steener (the star). (He's a newcomer to ACT.)

Who knocked the hole in the wall? What hole?

Probable award to be bestowed after 'Bad Seed':

For flying up the stage.

NAME: Karen Burkett Sandoval Nickname: Flash

'Bad Seed' role: Miss Fern Role Model: Sally Fields

As per Madam Director, after what actor/actress should

you pattern your role in 'Bad Seed'? Daisy Mae

Interesting hobbies/pastimes? I love to watch corn

grow and do karaoke.

Interesting family or job tid-bits: My father thinks I'm

funny: I like to grow corn.

List your three favorite roles: Call girl in "Redful of

Foreigners" and triple character in "Musical Comedy

Murders of 1940."

Who knocked the hole in the wall? Kent

Probable award to be bestowed after 'Bad Seed':

"Jill of all trades"

NAME: Ken Whitmore Nickname: Kenny

'Bad Seed' role: Reggie Tasker Role Model: Danny Raye

As per Madam Director, after what actor/actress should you pattern your role in 'Bad Seed'? Nick Van Dyke

Interesting hobbies/pastimes? I do impersonations, stand-up comedy (cheap) and usher at the Civic Center.

Interesting family or job tid-bits: I love everything and everybody loves me. He also sings for his supper.

List your three favorite roles: Minstrel in "Once

Upon a Mattress," Elwood P. Dowd in "Harey" and Mr. Beach in "Silver Whistle".

Who knocked the hole in the wall? Troy did it!

(When R & R rammed his head through it.)

Probable award to be bestowed after 'Bad Seed': The Sunshine Boy Award

NAME: Harold Mosier Nickname: Mr. H.

Role in 'Bad Seed': Stage Mgr Role Model: Rockster

As per Madam Director, after what actor/actress should you pattern your role in 'Bad Seed'? Alfred Hitchcock

Interesting hobbies/pastimes? I turn penicillin into breadmold (or vice versa) and jack-of-all-trades

Interesting family or job tid-bits: My dog has only 3 legs

List your three favorite roles: "To Kill A Mockingbird" and teach support in "Musical Comedy Murders of 1940"

Who knocked the hole in the wall? hole? What hole? ...for that matter - what wall?

Probable award to be bestowed after 'Bad Seed':

"Harrard!" "Coming To!"

NAME: Polly Taylor Nickname: Sister Polly

Role in 'Bad Seed': Light & Sound Technician

Role Model: JT Kennedy

As per Madam Director, after what actor/actress should you pattern your role in 'Bad Seed'? Debbie Reynolds  
Interesting hobbies/pastimes? Cross-stitching  
and computer whiz!

Interesting family or job tid-bits: My little green truck  
Godzilla (Harold calls it Godzilla-lite)

List your three favorite roles: Technician in "Musical  
Comedy Murders", "Bedfull of Foreigners", & "Starey"  
Who knocked the hole in the wall? The Monster who  
lives under the light and sound booth!

Probable award to be bestowed after 'Bad Seed': The  
patience and fortitude award

NAME: Barbara Simpson Nickname: Standy Ann

Role in 'Bad Seed': Asst. Stage Manager

Role Model: Harold As per Madam Director,  
after what stage person should you pattern  
your role in 'Bad Seed'? Martha Stewart

Interesting hobbies/pastimes? Love to read  
and do community theater. On hiatus from working,  
interesting family or job tid-bits: I'm an almost  
newlywed and have three dependents (all cats).

List your three favorite roles: Olive - "Odd Couple,  
Nurse Rachel - "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's  
Nest", and Vera in "Ten Little Indians"

Who knocked the hole in the wall? Harvey I had  
time to find the hole. Let alone know who did it.  
Probable award to be bestowed after 'Bad Seed':  
The Life Saver Award

## PRODUCTION CREW

Director ..... Jo Reid  
 Producer ..... Grace Leverenz  
 Set Construction .. Bill Shay  
                                 Orville Ballard  
 Stage Manager ..... Harold Mosier  
 Asst Stage Manager ..... Barbara Simpson  
 Light and Sound Technician ..... Polly Taylor  
 Special Effects ..... Jerry Reid  
 Set Decor ..... Beverly Heldt  
                                 Jan Price  
 Costumes and props ..... Cast and Crew  
 Tickets/Publicity/Program ..... Leverenz, Inc.  
 Costumes/Seamstress ..... Jeri Lee  
 House Manager ..... Jerry Reid  
 Refreshment aide ..... Lynn Arterburn

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I got nobody's shoes but my own. — Leroy

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**CASH ON DELIVERY** - an "Americanized" British comedy set in the Windy City. The misadventures of a misguided hero keep audiences rolling in the aisles. He laughs all the way to the bank--or to jail! Opens late March 2000.

**ARMS AND THE MAN** - a comedic love triangle set against the backdrop of war in the Balkans. This is a re-write classic from George Bernard Shaw, with a meddling mother, distracted father, nosey butler and an opportunistic maid. Opens mid-May 2000.

**NOTE:** Watch the papers for audition notices. Perhaps YOU will become a star!

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