

# South Valley Civic Theater's Deathtrap

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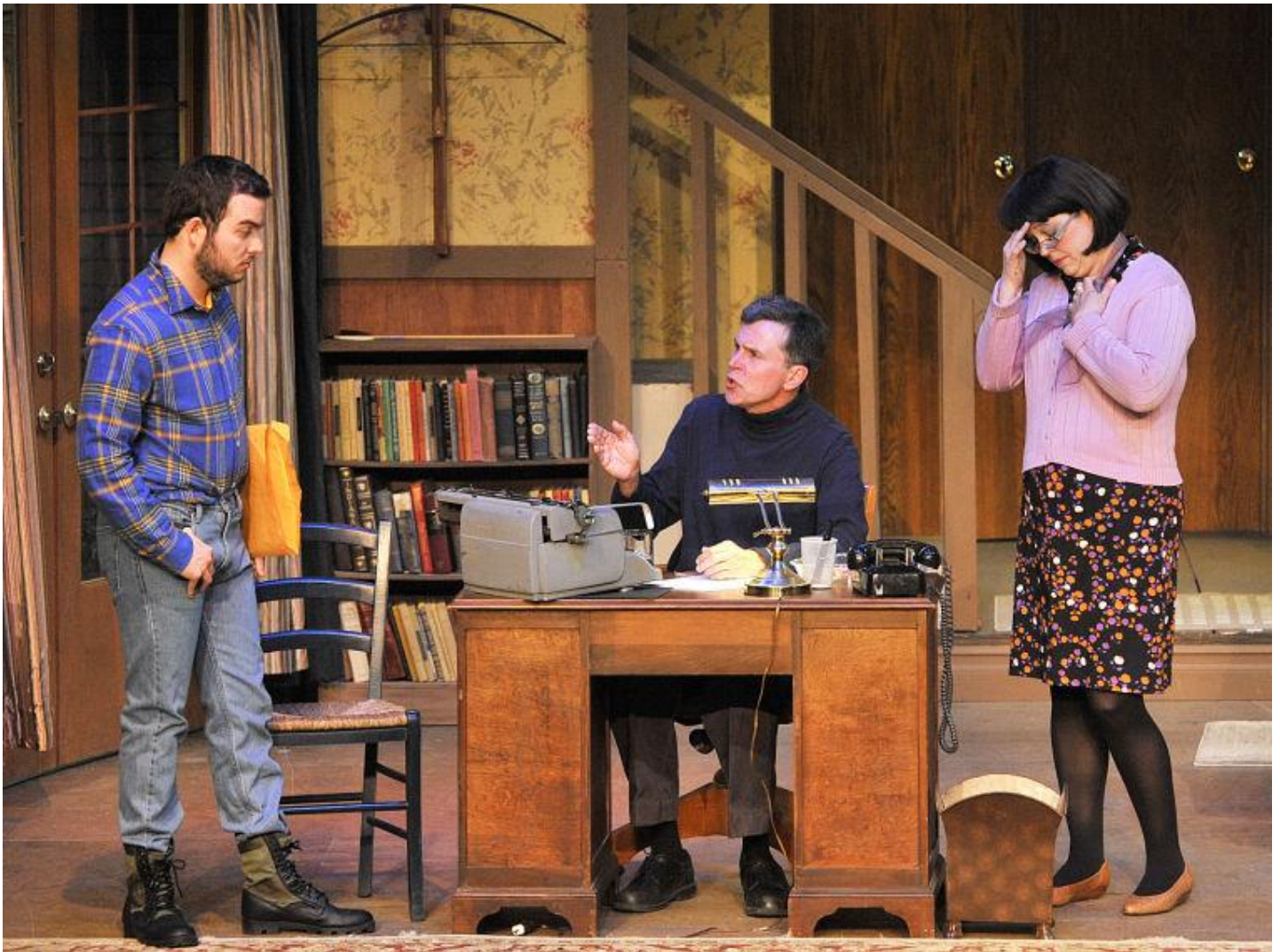
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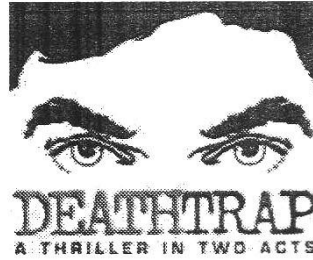
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# *Deathtrap* at South Valley Civic Theater

## Staff Report

With a maze of plot-twists, South Valley Civic Theater presents *Deathtrap*, Broadway's longest running comedy-thriller. For any of you who haven't seen the play or the film, I'll try not to spoil any of the suspense.

A frustrated thriller writer, Sidney Bruhl (witty, brooding **Douglas Doughty**) battles his conscience when his former seminar student, Clifford Anderson (**Michael Medina**, adeptly menacing) presents Sidney with a stage-ready script Anderson has written.



From the beginning, Sidney hashes through this conflict with his loyal, supportive, yet conflicted wife, Myra Bruhl (emotionally explosive **Beth Harnett**). Sidney's attorney, Porter Pilgrim (cunning, twinkle-eyed **James Pearson**) and Helga Ten Dorp, the psychic (**Bea Camua-Julian**, whose mysterious accent leaves us in stitches) more than round out this five-person cast.

The violent scenes—indicative of *Deathtrap*'s diversion from the more light-hearted choices in SVCT's repertoire—were particularly well directed by **Douglas A. Hagdohl II**. Also a magician by trade, Hagdohl demonstrated his slight-of hand techniques when staging the attack scenes. He has successfully created the look of a former stable, aglow with both working lights and fireplace.

All upon this one-room set, *Deathtrap* takes the audience on a ride complete with u-turns, laughs, and—even if you've seen it before—something waiting at the end.

*Deathtrap* runs through May 4 at the Morgan Hill Community Playhouse.