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## Mystery, Diversion, Suspense, & Satisfying Terror!

# “Night Watch”

by *Lucille Fletcher*

Director: *John Norton*

**Thrifty Thursday February 12 • Opening Night Champagne Celebration, February 13**

TAP offers the perfect mix of mystery, thrills, and blood curdling screams in the 2015 season opening production of *Night Watch*. An ingeniously devised thriller written by Oxford’s own Lucille Fletcher and directed by John Norton. The late Lucille Fletcher was an Oxford resident and author of *Women and Children* performed at TAP in 1993.

Enjoy an entertaining afternoon or evening of mystery, murder, surprises and diversion with *Night Watch* to scare away the winter doldrums, with satisfying terror and mystification with menace and suspense until the final breath-stopping moment.

What did the fragile heiress see from the window of her Manhattan townhouse? Who are the suspects? Who makes it out alive? Meet the characters and actors that will take you on an exhilarating ride into madness and murder.

Elaine Wheeler (Nicole Millette) a haunted fragile beauty, is she slipping into madness? Her husband John (Rob Sanchez) a handsome, bold man of business. Elaine’s friend, the sophisticated and elegant Blanche Cooke (Lynn

Sanchez) only wants to support her friend. The eccentric, flamboyant, energetic, and nosey next-door neighbor, Curtis Appleby (Brian McGunigle) who cannot take a hint.

Maggie (Susan Patterson) Elaine’s housemaid is a strong woman who knows her mind. Police Lieutenant Walker (Art Wolfe) is over-worked and under paid, and he has neither the time nor the patience for wasting his time. The world-renown psychiatrist, Dr. Tracey Lake (Maggie Garey) an expert in insomnia is hired to help Elaine confront the fears that keep her awake at night. Officer Vanelli (Erik Murray) a lowly beat cop with a sharp eye for high art, and Sam Hoke (Richard Smith) the neighborhood delicatessen owner, famous for making the worst potato salad in the city.

Production crew: Producer Patrick Fee, stage manager is Erik Murray, Costumes by Jay Juppé and props by Julie Barnett and Barbara Mann, set design by Lawrie Jessup, light design by Skipper Marquess and light operation by Joe Tyler. Production assistants are Kim Wilson and Alison Rawleigh.

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| Feb 2015 |    |    |    |    |    |    | Mar 2015 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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## Performances:

Fridays & Saturdays

February 13, 14, 20, 21, and 27, 28 at 8pm

Sundays February 15, 22, and March 1 at 2pm

Tickets: \$15 for adults, \$5 for students

Thrifty Thursday, February 12 at 7pm:

two-for-one tickets

## DINNER & A SHOW!

Call Oxford’s fine dining establishments for a pre-theatre 6 pm dinner reservation and receive a 10% discount from *Latitude 38* and *Pope’s Tavern*, and a 15% discount from the *Robert Morris Inn*.

## Meet the Director:



**John Norton** played unstable father in TAP's production of *Proof*, the overwrought Henry Bingham in TAP's production of *Fox on the Fairway*, and the hapless Russian spy Andre in TAP's production of *Red Herring*. John has enjoyed a career in TV production, working as a producer at WJZ-TV and WBAL-TV. Today John owns his own production company, specializing in producing, directing and writing videos and 3D animations for scientific, pharmaceutical and medical companies.

## CHAPTER TWO'S appreciation of our volunteers is an open book

TAP is so appreciative of their diligent volunteers: taking tickets, serving refreshments and making the show go on for **CHAPTER TWO**: Irene Pentimall, Barbara & Tom Mann, Lisa Hageman, Betty Dorbin, Carla & Pete Howell, Skipper Marquess, Sabine Simonson, Ira Nelson, Dorette & Larry Murray, Maggie Garey & Ken Court, Alice & Sims Mellon, Marilyn & Herb Ziegler, Ellen & Gil Anderson, Edith Humphries, Kyla Humphries, Toby Solomon, Kathy Hanna, Susan Patterson, Joe Tyler, Dana Haddaway, Caroline Kennerly, Peggy and Van Lott, Jane McCarthy, Sheila Wainwright, Rebecca Ellison, Julie Barnett, Maureen Curtin, Alison Rawleigh and Barbara Hartshorn.

*Volunteer to work during a performance and enjoy the show free of charge. Contact [info@tredavonplayers.org](mailto:info@tredavonplayers.org) or call 410-226-0061, line 5.*

### Buy anything on Smile.Amazon and donate to TAP

TAP has joined the **Amazon Smile** program. For every eligible purchase made through **Smile.Amazon.com** (do not use Amazon.com) TAP receives 0.5% of the purchase price. Participating in the program is very easy and only takes one action. You need to log onto **Smile.Amazon.com** and select Tred Avon Players as your charity. You only have to do this once. From then on shop as usual, starting at **Smile.Amazon.com** and you will be donating to TAP.

## Note from TAP President:

Welcome to 2015 and TAP's 33rd Season! A fresh new year ahead is always uplifting and exciting! Our first show of the year, *Night Watch*, opens on February 12. We are very excited about this Season Opening thriller! The director for this show, John Norton, has delighted us as an actor in a number of our shows, and we are happy to have him direct *Night Watch*.

As part of the New Year, I like to spend time thinking about what I enjoyed most of the last year, and what I am looking forward to in the New Year! Being a part of the theatre community of Easton and involved in TAP is a great joy for me. My other joy is....cats! I came across a wonderful poem that combines both. You'll enjoy *Gus is the Cat at the Theater Door*, by T.S. Eliot, *Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats*.

[www.goodreads.com/quotes/tag/theatre](http://www.goodreads.com/quotes/tag/theatre)

Wishing you all the best in 2015,  
*Maureen Curtin*

## TAP's David H. Foster Scholarship Nominations

Tred Avon Players is accepting nominations for TAP Scholarship until March 31. The nominees will be judged on their contribution to local community theater and must have worked on at least one TAP production over the past 18 months. The nominees will be judged on their total contribution to Community Theater on the mid-shore and must be graduating seniors from one of the mid-shore High Schools. The maximum scholarship is \$1000, but the award may be split among multiple winners. Please send the name of nominee, their list of plays they have participated in, explain the role/contribution to each play, the name of the group who produced the production, the name of their High School, and contact information of the nominee and individual making the nomination. Include a brief statement how this individual exemplifies the future of community theater. Send to the TAP Educational Committee, care of: [hzieglerphd@hotmail.com](mailto:hzieglerphd@hotmail.com)

## Looking for a fun, challenging part-time job?

TAP is seeking to hire a Publicity Director. This is a part time position to do PR for four shows per season. **Duties include:** Quarterly Newsletters, Program booklet editing, photography, articles and newsletters, written articles for emags, social media, newspapers and magazines. Must be able to meet deadlines. Please email [info@tredavonplayers.org](mailto:info@tredavonplayers.org) with questions.

For reservations and information, call 410-226-0061 or visit [www.tredavonplayers.org](http://www.tredavonplayers.org)

# Audition for *The Dining Room*

By **A.R. Gurney**  
Directed by **Fiona Foster**

A hilarious tour de force of compassionate humor and abundant humanity, in which eight actors portray fifty-six widely diverse characters in comic sketch after comic sketch, as they delineate the mothballed lifestyle of wealthy WASPdom and the neglected room which was once a center of family life.

## ***Casting Call***

The scene is the last bastion of culture in a house – the formal dining room. The action consists of everything imaginable that could occur in the well-appointed but waning center of the home.

Needed are eight actors of different ages & sizes who are proficient at fast character and clothing changes. Each will portray an average of eight or nine characters in rapid succession, with no blackouts. The various roles will be assigned democratically with no emphasis on any particular role. The characters include a grandfather, matrons, business men, teenagers, maids, a doctor, psychiatrist, realtor, architect etc.

Readings will be from the script. For further information please contact the director, Fiona Foster, at [info@tredavonplayers.org](mailto:info@tredavonplayers.org) or 410-226-0061, line 5.

**Are you interested in working back stage? Join our team!**

**We are looking for stage crew and tech to assist in running lights and sound. We will train you.**

## **Auditions will be held:**

Tuesday February 17 & Thursday February 19th at 7 pm

Saturday February 21 at 10 am

At the Oxford Community Center in Oxford

**Performance Dates: April 23, 24, 25, 26, May 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, & 10.**



If you receive your newsletter by mail, please inform us by phone or email when you will be away so we can postpone the mailing of the newsletter until your return to the area.



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## Spotlight on the cast of "Night Watch"



*Nicole Millette*



*Rob Sanchez*



*Lynn Sanchez*



*Brian McGunigle*



*Susan Patterson*



*Art Wolfe*



*Maggie Garey*



*Erik Murray*



*Richard Smith*

(All cast photos by Lisa Roth)

### David H. Foster Scholarship Fund

Donations may be made in  
 David H. Foster's memory  
 at any time to:

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 Attn: *David H. Foster*  
 Scholarship Fund