

grunt gallery and Public Dreams Society present



October 30 - November 30, 1991

January 14, 1809
Edgar Allan Poe was born
in Boston where his
itinerant actor-parents
were performing.



He died in Baltimore
forty years later under
mysterious circumstances.

We have, as a culture, become less and less involved with death, preferring to leave such important rituals as the building of the coffin, the cleansing and the dressing of the body, and in many cases even the final words, to paid professionals. More and more of us (by accident, illness, or simply by coming of an age when people close to us are dying) are being made aware of the need to create rituals that are participatory rather than passive, both for those who are leaving and those left behind. We must be prepared for death because as Poe reminds us in this story, death *will* come.

Public Dreams has always emphasized participation of the audience in the events we create. In animating the visual installation, curated by Glenn Alteen, we go a little bit further by giving you a character to play. Welcome to *The Masque of the Red Death*. Please feel free to get fully involved in the proceedings this evening; after all the success of Prince Prospero's party depends entirely on the enjoyment of his guests!

Paula Jardine
Director

A project of the size and scope of *Masque* was a daunting beast to take on. It started as a dream and an idea and has grown over 18 months to be what you see before you. What it has become is both a blessing and a curse. A blessing because of the unconditional support this project has enjoyed from funding agencies, the artists' communities and angels from other communities. Its curse was the expansive nature of the project and the sheer gargantuan effort required for its completion. There are many people to thank for their help and effort. Here I would like to thank Public Dreams Society, my colleagues at grunt and the artists and staff who worked with us under tremendous odds.

I would like to dedicate this exhibition to the memory of Gary Ross, a founding member of grunt and early participant in this project. Losing him will be felt by myself and others for a long time to come.

Finally my thanks to Diane Leblanc for her support.

There is much to see and feel and my hope is people will be more than entertained by it.

Glenn Alteen
Curator

The Artistic Team

Glenn Alteen is the originator of *The Masque of the Red Death* and is Artistic Director of the project. He is a writer, director, curator and is the current Curatorial Co-ordinator of the grunt gallery. He has produced events such as the *Vancouver Performance Art Series 1990 and 1991* for grunt in conjunction with the Vancouver Fringe Festival.

Mark Douglas is the Musical Director of *Masque*. He has performed, directed and composed music for a variety of projects including theatre and dance. His experience with different musical styles, from jazz to chamber, has resulted in many collaborative efforts. Mark was the co-director of *The Railcop Show* (1990), a live radio broadcast with 14 musicians and actors and coordinated *Sonic Boom* (1990), an open festival for local composers. His musicians tonight are Bob Caldwell, Coat Cooke, Blaine Dunaway and Peggy Lee.

Margaret Dragu is the *Masque* Choreographer. Born in Regina in 1953, she has enjoyed a long career as a performance artist and choreographer, presenting her work internationally in many venues, including theatres, art galleries and museums. She is also a writer, filmmaker and video artist.

Paula Jardine is the animator and director of the performance portion of *Masque*. She is the Artistic Director of Public Dreams, which produces participatory public art events, often involving casts of between 50 and 200, taking the audience on a mythological journey through an outdoor landscape. She is a storyteller, pyrotechnician, director and parade artist and has worked throughout Canada.

Opening	Exhibition	Performances
October 30 8pm	October 30 - November 30 Tuesday - Saturday 11am - 6pm	October 31 November 1, 2, 7, 8, 9, 14, 15, 16 9pm

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**THE GEORGIA
straight**

The Artists

David Asmodeus(Black) works in assemblage printmaking and installations. His many exhibition credits include *In the Dark*(1989), an installation and soundtrack evoking a bat cave through broken umbrellas at the Pitt Gallery.

Steven Graham(Purple) is a Vancouver artist with a long list of solo and group exhibitions. His performance events include *Talent Hut*, Pitt Gallery(1988) and the *Gina And Jimi Revue* for the 1989 Fringe Festival.

Ron Huebner(Clock) works in sculpture and sculptural installation. He studied at the Jan Van Eyck Academy in the Netherlands and at the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design and has exhibited throughout Canada.

Stan Lake(Violet) is a ceramic sculptor and has studied at the Emily Carr College of Art and Design. Exhibitions include *False Face 3* and *2*, grunt gallery(1987, 86), *Swan Leak*, Unit Pitt(1983). Lake is a past curator and director of the Pitt Gallery.

Danielle Peacock(Green) works in mixed media sculpture and assemblage. She studied painting and printmaking at the Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, NY. She is a founding member of grunt, a coordinator of the *Brewery Creek Mural Project* and past board member of *Artropolis* (1987).

Bill Rennie(Violet) is a ceramic sculptor and holds an honours diploma from the Emily Carr College of Art and Design. His work has been featured in many local exhibitions.

Liz Scully(Orange) has worked in film, painting and sculpture and studied at the Victoria College of Art. Media productions include *Tangled In A Threat* - an animated film about childhood cancer. Her films have appeared in several film festivals worldwide.

Marina Szijarto(Blue) studied at the Loughborough and Hereford Colleges of Art and Design in England. She works with paper, textiles and mixed media. She has had numerous solo and group exhibitions throughout Canada and England.

Hillary Wood(White) is a painter and assemblage artist and studied at the University of Waterloo. She has exhibited nationally and is a founding member of grunt and curator of *False Face*(1984-87).

The Actors

Lesley Ewen* recently appeared as Naomi in the critically acclaimed Caravan Farm Theatre production of *Creation*. She has performed with the Vancouver Playhouse, Green Thumb Theatre, Dark Horse Theatre, the Citadel, the Globe, Touchstone Theatre, and Bristol Old Vic Theatre, as well as in film and television roles.

Sandra Lockwood is a multi-disciplinary artist, poet, composer and filmmaker. She studied classical Japanese literature and Noh drama in Japan and graduated from ECCAD in film and video. Her work has been featured in Tamahnous Theatre's *Living Art Series*, *Women In View Festival* and the grunt gallery's *Vancouver Performance Series*.

Donald Morin's television and film credits include *Fly II*, *MacGyver*, and *Davy Crockett*. Donald has appeared with the Karen Jamieson Dance Company, Spirit Song and most recently as the Crazy Man in *The Crackwalker* at the Vancouver Fringe Festival.

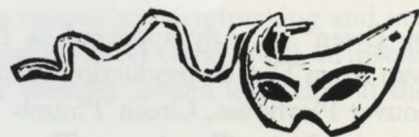
Micheal Vonn is an actor/singer with a background in interdisciplinary work. She was seen as The Robber Girl in *A Grim Tale* at the 1991 Vancouver Fringe Festival and recently directed Dancecorp's *Savage Parade*. Micheal is the originator of Theatre At Large's Great Works Shop Series.

Andrew Wilson, originally from Scotland, has been performing for the past 5 years, solo and in collaboration with Judy Radul, Emily Farina, Joe Sarahan and others. His performances center around recurring characters and often vacillate between slapstick humour and bitter satire.

Richard Yee's* stage roles have included Robert and Jimmy in *No More Ouija Board* at the Waterfront Theatre, PAAK in *Powder Blue Chevy* and Johnny Wada in *Rosie's Cafe* at the Firehall Arts Centre. His television credits include stints on *MacGyver*, *Airwolf*, *Booker* and *21 Jump Street*.

*Appearing courtesy of Canadian Actor's Equity.

An Evening of Pleasure with His Right Royal Highness



Prince Prospero



9pm. *The Blue Room*
Light entertainment
Drucilla, sibling of the Prince, shall read one of her brief poems

9.15 *Fanfare*

9.18 *Arrival of His Most nil mortuus Royal Highness*

9.20 *Opening Remarks by His Most Praised and Adored Prince Prospero*

9.30 *Partaking of Tonic Toast by His Most Illustrious Prospero*

9.50 *Dancing- nouvelle movements devised by His Most Worthiness*

10.15 *The Purple Room*
Disco Inferno coupled with another light entertainment by Her Lesserness Drucilla

10.45 *The Green Room*
Minty Juleps

11.00 *The Orange Room*
Dinner

Menu
aperitif *Prince Prospero's Personal Tonic*
starter *Amuse guelle of Toad Throats in kelp aspic*
or
Brine-n-Bits Chowder
(one of Prince Prospero's personal favourites)
entree *Pickled Pork Hocks au gratin on a bed of sweet meats in rich turnip syrup*
dessert *blancmange au fromage wiz*

11.40 *The White Room*
A silent moment of prayer

11.45 *The Violet Room*
Bacchanalia

midnight *The Black Room*
Exchanging of gifts
(nothing of lesser value than 12 guineas please)

Staff

Merle Addison	Administrative Assistant
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Oona Bachinski	Paul Henry	Jay Mitchell
Polly Bak	Laurence Heppel	Kelly Morris
Marion Barling	Heather Hodson	Irwin Oostindie
Marcellus Batch	Elaine Hooper	Robin Peck
Pat Beaton	Denny D Hopkins	Albertine Phan
Marcia Belluce	Frank and Julienne	Richard Pinet
Jayne Bellyk	Howard	Michele Postalis
Tim Borsos	Mary-Jo Hunt	Lisa Prentice
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Nancy Brignall	Aaron James	Reece Rehm
Murray Bush	Cindy Johnson	Dawn Richards
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Christina Corby	Gail Knight	Bill Shirt
Vanessa Corby	Niko Kozobalidis	Derek Simons
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Jean Paul Costaz	Zoe Lambert	Brian Sullivan
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Margaret Gallagher	Jarret Maracle	Judy Wong
Michael Garfinkle	Maragaret	Paul Wong
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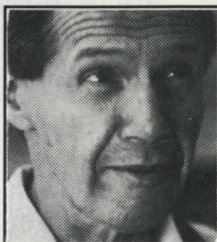
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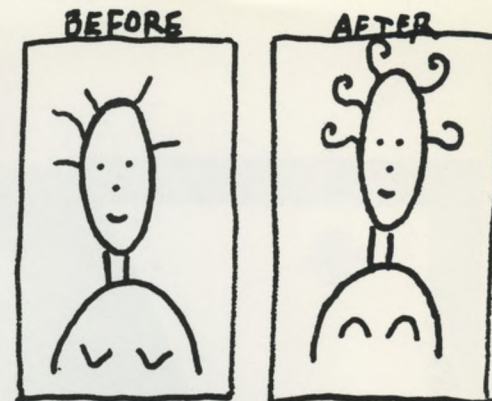
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