



After a long absence from the boards, the Stouffville Players presented two performances of "Thriller of the Year" at Latham Hall last weekend. The play starred an all-female cast and was well received by the audience. Cast is as follows: back row (l to r): Gladys Germano, Luz Meyer, Cathy Wallace. Front row (l to r) Susan Bell and Melanie Rogers.

# "Thriller of the Year" 'Players' produce a competent show

By Jim Holt

It would be nice to say that the Stouffville Players' offering of "Thriller of the Year" was a resounding hit - it wasn't. However, on the other hand it wasn't a hollow flop either. One can sum up director Roger Glazin's latest effort in one word - competent.

Considering the lack of facilities available to the Players, not to mention having to build the set off-site and ship it to Latham Hall for just two performances, one can only applaud the cast and supporting crew for coughing up two nights of most enjoyable entertainment.

The "thriller" came over well despite a couple of pregnant pauses in the third act. Susan Bell played the part of author Gillian Howard with finesse. She was authoritative, selfish, and domineering to just the right degree and stayed in character throughout.

A real find is Melanie Rodgers as Irene Knight, Howard's publisher. Her performance was a delight. Self-assured and with a biting repartee, she had some of the best lines in the play and made the most of every one. Unfortunately we didn't see enough of her; she exits after the first act.

Gladys Germano played the part of Edith Howard, the busybody mother-in-

law, well. By the time she went off I heartily disliked her.

Cathy Wallace took a whole act to get into her part as Howard's secretary. However, her confrontation with her boss brought out a surprising venom in one so pretty. The talent is there, it just needs polishing.

As Doctor Beryl Spence, Luz Meyer failed to convince me that Howard's husband, Martin, would ever leave his pampered, self-indulgent wife for her. As for committing murder, well, I was totally unconvinced. Although, frankly, she struggled valiantly with a very difficult role that would stretch the abilities of a seasoned thespian.

Had Wallace and Myer switched roles the whole play would have achieved a better balance between the cast, as it was they both came across a trifle weak.

It is nice to report that the whole production was a minor success. Everybody (well nearly everybody) remembered their lines, didn't bump into one another or trip over the furniture; quite an achievement when you consider the size of the stage and amount movement taking place.

More please Mr Glazin.

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