



Press Release

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“Wait Until Dark” at the Ivoryton Playhouse

A nail-biting thriller by Frederick Knott

Ivoryton, CT: The Ivoryton Playhouse changes gears for the second production of its 2009 season. *Wait Until Dark* by Frederick Knott is a psychological thriller that opened in 1966 on Broadway with Lee Remick, who was nominated for a Tony Award, and Robert Duvall, but is probably better known from the 1967 Oscar nominated movie starring Audrey Hepburn and Alan Arkin.

Frederick Knott, who also penned the classic thriller, *Dial M for Murder*, was a great friend of Alfred Hitchcock and his some of the master's cinematic style is apparent in this intricate plot that builds the tension at every twist and turn. A couple of con men and a cool as ice psychopath smooth talk their way into the home of an unsuspecting blind woman. Unbeknownst to her, she is harboring a dangerous prize and he will stop at nothing to get it. This chilling thriller probes the question of what is worse – the evil you can see coming, or the one you can't?

LaTonia Phipps* plays Susie Henrix and Ron Palillo* plays the evil Roat. Ron Palillo is known nationally for his role as high school student Arnold Horshack on the ABC sitcom *Welcome Back, Kotter*, which aired from 1975-1979. He was last seen in Ivoryton in a production of *Inherit the Wind*, in which he played E.K. Hornbeck, in 2004. A native of Cheshire and a graduate of the University of Connecticut, Ron is certainly no stranger to the Connecticut theatre scene. In fact, at the age of 14, he started his own summer theatre in his home town of Cheshire, CT. Ron has most recently played the lead in an independent Connecticut film *The Curse of Micah Rood*, and his play, *The Lost Boy*, based in part on **Peter Pan of Kensington Gardens**, received critical acclaim in its New York performances.

The cast also includes Michael Edward Hodge*, Michael Barra* , Todd Little and Sasha Blue Krivosky.

The play will be directed by Jacqueline Hubbard, set design by Dan Nischan, costumes by Pam Puente and lighting design by Doug Harry.

Wait Until Dark opens on April 22 and runs thru May 10 for 3 weeks, Performance times are Wednesday and Sunday matinees at 2pm. Evening performances are Wednesday and Thursday at 7:30pm, Friday and Saturday at 8pm. Tickets are \$35 for adults, \$30 for seniors, \$20 for students and \$15 for children and are available by calling the Playhouse box office at 860-767-7318 or by visiting our website at www.ivorytonplayhouse.org .(Group rates are available by calling the box office for information.) The Playhouse is located at 103 Main Street in Ivoryton.

Pictured - Ron Palillo* and LaTonya Phipps*

*Members of Actors Equity

Members of the press are welcome at any performance.

Please call ahead for tickets.