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Ira Levin's *Deathtrap* on Metro's stage January 11 through February 8

Award-winning thriller offers twists and turns, as well as laughs, in Metro Theatre's first production of 2014

(January 3, 2014) Novelist and playwright [Ira Levin](#) is probably best known for his books such as *Rosemary's Baby*, *The Stepford Wives* and *Sliver*. But it's his play [Deathtrap](#) that garnered him fame on Broadway: *Deathtrap* was nominated for the Tony Award for Best Play in 1978, won the Edgar Allan Poe Award for Best Play in 1980, and holds the record as the longest-running thriller in Broadway's history. *Deathtrap* was later made into a [film](#) which starred Christopher Reeve, Michael Caine and Dyan Cannon.

Sidney Bruhl is a famous playwright of thrillers, but he hasn't had a hit in years. Along comes Clifford Anderson, an enthusiastic student and fan of Sidney's, who's just written the perfect play – a five-character, one-set, two-act thriller. Certainly Sidney should have a piece of this pie? After all, it was his teaching that influenced Clifford! Sidney's wife Myra suggests the two men collaborate, but soon even Sidney's lawyer isn't sure whether the two playwrights are working with or against each other.

When asked why he thinks this play has been so successful throughout the years, Metro Theatre director Don Briard comments on Levin's stellar writing: "What struck me about the script is Levin's attention to detail," he says. "As we worked through the script, we found more and more lines that foreshadowed events to come – subtle, not spoiler alert material, but they were there nonetheless. This is among the finest thrillers ever written." Indeed, *Deathtrap* offers everything you need for a great night at the theatre: drama, mystery, romance, suspense, humour, sentiment, a strong storyline, great characters, and even a psychic neighbour.

Deathtrap opens January 11 and runs through February 8 at [Metro Theatre](#) in Marpole. Directed by **Don Briard** and stage managed by **Shay Cameron**, this award-winning thriller stars:

Drew Taylor as Sidney Bruhl
Melanie Preston as Myra Bruhl
James Behenna as Clifford Anderson
Deborah Tom as Helga ten Dorp
Don Briard as Porter Milgrim

"It is a classic thriller, a genre with a style, a manner and an audience of its own. If you like thrillers, do see it. I promise you that it is vintage." ~ NY Post

"Two-thirds a thriller and one-third a devilishly clever comedy... Suspend your disbelief and be delighted. Scream a little. It's good for you." ~ Cue Magazine

Details of the run:

- *Deathtrap* runs January 11 to February 8, 2014, Thursdays through Saturdays at 8pm. There will be two matinees: January 19 and February 2 at 2:30pm.
- Tickets are \$25 for adults or \$22 for seniors and students.
- Tickets to the preview performance are just \$12. The preview is on Friday, January 10, and is the cast and crew's final dress rehearsal before the show opens on the 11th.
- Tickets are available through Eventbrite.ca or the box office at 604-266-7191.
- Metro Theatre is located at 1370 SW Marine Drive in Vancouver.

Links:

[Eventbrite site](#) to purchase tickets

Deathtrap [Facebook event](#)

Metro's website – [Deathtrap post](#)

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ABOUT METRO THEATRE

Metro Theatre (The Metropolitan Cooperative Theatre Society) is a registered non-profit cooperative society, and is fuelled by volunteers. Its mission is to promote and develop theatre arts on a non-professional level.

Metro Theatre was created in 1962, and has produced more than 480 shows, including nearly 50 musicals, over the past 50 years. Sometimes referred to as the "humble little theatre," Metro ironically has over 300 seats and puts on eight shows a year, more than all other non-professional theatre companies in North America and many professional ones.

Metro Theatre is wheelchair-accessible and provides assisted-listening devices upon request. It offers season subscriptions as well as individual reservations online and at the door.

Metro is located at 1370 SW Marine Drive, at the base of the Arthur Laing Bridge in Vancouver. It's accessible by transit, and has free and paid parking nearby.

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