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The Campus Opera House

**MISSOULA** 

3 Nights Only! May 8th, 9th & 10th, 1935

# Engagement Extraordinary!

# THE MONTANA MASQUERS

PRESENT

# THE DEAD SISTER'S SECRET

By J. FRANK DAVIS

Under the direction of Mr. Barnard Hewitt and with the following distinguished

-o-CAST--o-

(in the order in which they appear)

Miss Ossia Taylor Lizzie Jones, a housekeeper Miss Eleanor Speaker Barbara Stanley, Nell's younger sister Mr. Woodburn Brown
Miss Eleanor Miller
Mr. Orville Skones
Mr. Willis Hassell Hiram Stanley, an honest farmer
Nell Stanley, his daughter...
John Dalton, a son of the soil ... Richard Murgatroyd, from the city Mr. Wills Haskell
Mr. Manzer Griswold
Mr. Stratford Peterson
Mr. Harry Stockman
Mr. Carl Chambers
Mr. Tom Ogle
Miss Helen Ann Meloy
Mr. Henry Dion Sam Slade, his shadow Jenkins, a constable.... A Derelict Big Mike Slattery, a dancehall proprietor Pete the Rat Old Kate Slick Steve Little Tommy The Professor Miss Margaret Henrikson Mr. Carroll Ayers The Professor
Mamie, Queen of the Bowery
Bill the Dip.
One Punch Dugan
Chuck Connors, a Bowery guide
Reginald Vanderlop, the uptown swell
Mrs. Vanderlop
Edith Vanderlop
James H. Glue, a sightseer
Rose Robinson Mr. Carroll Ayers
Miss Ada Forsyth
Mr. Kai Heiberg
Mr. Victor D'Orazi
Mr. Frank Stanton
Mr. Neil Heily
Miss Marjorie Harris Miss Jean McConochie Mr. Roger Clapp Rose Robinson Miss Dorothy Ann Bailly Other Bowery Boys and Girls-Misses Hilda Harter, Eleanor Snow, Joan Morrison; Messrs. Edward McKenzie and Ernest Rand.

--- PROGRAMME ---

A prologue, in the Wycherley-Congreve style, written by the Play's Author, and spoken by Mr. Robert Bates.

### SYNOPSIS OF SCENES

Incidental Music consisting of "Home Sweet Home," "Then You'll Remember Me," "The Vacant Chair," "In the Gloaming," "The Wedding March" and "The Bowery," by Miss Dorothy Eastman and Mr. Carroll Ayers, under the direction of Mr. Lester Smith.

Act I—THE OLD HOMESTEAD; JUNE. The happy home. A murder. Nellie, the farmer's daughter. John Dalton makes a sacrifice. Moonlight and a locket. The serpent comes into the Garden of Eden. "Beneath this flannel shirt there beats an honest heart." Sam Slade the shadow. "Gold in the Hills." "I fear neither man nor devil, save only one." The plot thickens. "Officer, do your duty!" A base deceiver. Nellie's temptation. "You are no longer a daughter of mine!" A fate worse than death. John Dalton confronts Richard Murgatroyd. "She will be in my rower!" A blow for defenseless womanhood. will be in my power!" A blow for defenseless womanhood. Act II—BIG MIKE'S BEER GARDEN AND DANCE HALL ON THE

BOWERY; OCTOBER. The fugitive finds honest employment. A pistol concealed. Word comes of the sleuth. "There's dirty work afoot!" An innocent child in the toils. "Who is it he reminds me of?" Nellie seeks news. "A ruse to avoid recognition. "Once that poor outcast had a home." A familiar voice. In the villain's clutches. "Will no one save me?" John Dalton to the rescue. "Stand back! I am a desperate man!" The escape

(During the progress of Act II the following specialties will be introduced with Prof. Ayers at the piano: "Annie Rooney," waltz by the Bowery Boys and Girls; "The Bowery," by Mr. Heiberg and chorus; "A Bird in a Gilded Cage," by Miss Bailly; "Sweet Marie" and "The Sidewalks of New York," by Mr. Miller and chorus. Act III--THE

III—THE OLD HOMESTEAD AGAIN; THE FOLLOWING CHRISTMAS EVE. The vacant chair. A face at the window. "I cannot sing the old songs." A lamp to light the wanderer home. "I have the papers!" Out into the bitter storm. A hunted man. "And I am powerless to aid them." The erring girl's return. The villain still pursues her. A stratagem with Slade. John Dalton's arrival. "Tell me, or I will strangle it out of you!" The loss discovered. Charge and counter-charge. The Dead Sister's Secret. "Curses on you all!" Denouement.

SPECIAL REQUEST

In order that the enjoyment of later audiences may not be lessened, you are requested not to divulge to anyone the situation which is developed during the closing lines of the play.

THE STAFF

Stage Manager—Jocko Shenk, assisted by Owen Grinde and George Scott. Master Electrician—Richard Pope, assisted by John Clark. Property Mistress—Lois King, assisted by Lela Woodgerd. Mistress of the Wardrobe—Lily Johnson.

Make-up Artists—Erma Heinemeyer and Lela Woodgerd. Business Manager—Mary Kohn. Publicity by the Campus Studios.