

House of Ghosts coming to Heights Theater

One thing we didn't hear was "quiet on the set" during filming of *House of Ghosts*, which will premiere at the Heights Theater May 23. It's the latest of filmmaker Christopher Mihm's 1950s drive-in-style B-movies, this one in the black-and-white horror flick genre. Trade secret: more perfect sound is dubbed in later, though the actors have to speak the words correctly in order for the sound dubbing to work. And that was taking several tries for each of many camera angles involving multiple characters.

The setting: A Victorian home designed by T.P. Healy in one of the south Minneapolis blocks known by his name. Anthony Kaczor, whose roots are in Northeast, and wife Sid Korpi own the home. Both have roles in the film, Sid as rich socialite Leigh and Anthony as *The Butler*. According to the description on sainteuphoria.com/ghosts.html, Leigh and husband Isaac (Mark Scanlan) throw exclusive dinner parties with expensive entertainment – this time a spiritual medium.



The medium warns that once the portal to the great beyond is opened, no human being can anticipate or control what might come through. Trapped in the house by a winter storm, "partygoers begin to experience unexplainable and increasingly frightening things... Can the group survive the night or will ignoring the medium's warning be the last thing they ever do?"

In the photos, counterclockwise around the table, Mark Scanlan as Isaac in dinner jacket at the head of the table, Anthony Kaczor as *The Butler*, Sid Korpi (Leigh) holding the dog, James Norgard as Arthur, Catherine Hansen as Mary, Justen Overlander as Ray, Mike Cook as Harlan, Stephanie Mihm as Ursula. Writer, producer, director, editor Christopher Mihm behind the camera, Cherie "Rhuby" Gallinati the lighting director and "script Nazi" for the evening. (Photos by Margo Ashmore)

The Healy-designed home was on the Minneapolis & Saint Paul Home Tour five years ago with its Flintstone shrine basement and 1950s malt shop-themed third floor, and will be on tour again April 28-29, showing off a practical kitchen remodel as well. Korpi and Kaczor encourage other homeowners across the city to open their homes for the tour. For more information, contact Margo Ashmore at 612-867-4874 or go to www.MSPHomeTour.com. (Pro Media Inc., which publishes the Northeast, coordinates the Minneapolis and Saint Paul Home Tour.)