

Directors' Note Intrigues Audience

This is the second time I've had the pleasure of directing Worthy Youth Players and it's my first major production as Director with Worthy Players. Once again I'm impressed by the enthusiasm, talent and hard work displayed by these kids. Taking on adult roles, especially in a play as well known as this is daunting but they have all done a brilliant job and we are all very proud of them.

My special thanks too to all the Worthy Players who were prepared to take a chance on this production and especially to Gill Walker and Shirley Lovell. They have shown their support, both practical and moral. Finally, thanks to Peter Nouwens who has been, as usual, a star.

A Murder Is Announced

By Agatha Christie

Directed by Jackie Nouwens

The action takes place in two drawing-rooms in an early Victorian house in Chipping Cleghorn which have been made into one room.

ACT I	Scene 1	The morning of Friday the 13 th
	Scene 2	6:10 p.m. the same day
	Scene 3	The following Saturday morning
ACT II	Scene 1	The following Sunday afternoon
	Scene 2	The following Monday morning
	Scene 3	6:00 p.m. the same day
Time	Agatha Christie time	

The Characters Refuse to Talk

Julia Simmons	Alanna Nouwens
Letitia Blacklock	Isabel Wooldridge
Dora Bunner	Joanna Lewis
Patrick Simmons	Sean Williamson
Mitzi	Kristina Lewis
Miss Marple	Hilary Nouwens
Phillipa Haymes	Lindsay Smith
Mrs Swettenham	Kirstie McLoughlin
Edmund Swettenham	Mark Smith
Rudi Scherz	Billy Pettigrew
Inspector Craddock	Ollie Southworth
Sergeant Mellors	Billy Pettigrew

The Crew Deny All Charges

Designer	Peter Nouwens
Set Construction	Richard Gomm and The Worthy Players
Stage Manager	Emma Haywood
Lighting Designer	Richard Aldous
Lights & Sound Operator	James Moore
Lights & Sound Supervisor	David Woolford
Costumes	Gill Walker and Shirley Lovell
Prompt	Clare Walker
Poster & Program	Peter Nouwens
Front of House Manager	Gill Walker
Bar Manager	Sarah Hammond

Ollie Southworth Is On The Case For The Yard

Ollie has been a member of the Worthy Players since childhood and has performed in a number of pantos and plays. He has also worked as a lights and sound technician. Ollie studies acting at school and is a keen sportsman.

Isabel Wooldridge Fears For Her Life

This is Isabel's eighth production with the Worthy Players. She has appeared in many pantomimes and was Martha Cratchett in last year's *A Christmas Carol*. The role of Miss Blacklock has proved quite an enjoyable challenge for her. Isabel is a keen actress and is taking Drama for her GCSEs.

Alanna Nouwens Reveals Her Best Kept Secret

This is Alanna's 5th production with the Worthy Players. She finds the role of Julia a little more challenging than that of her first role; the front end of Dobbin *The Wonder Horse* in *Robin Hood*. Alanna loves acting and hopes to be involved in many more plays in the future.

Hilary Nouwens Outwits The Law, Again!

This is Hilary's 5th production with the Worthy Players. She has played everything from a Jewel in Aladdin's cave to a piece of laundry. She played a number of roles in last year's Worthy Youth production of *Cut*.

Mark Smith Is Our On The Spot Correspondent

Mark has been with the Worthy Players for five years starting as a washing line holder for Wishy Washy in *Aladdin*. He finds his role in *A Murder is Announced* as a left-wing writer living with his mum quite different. He is hoping for a substantial role in this year's panto *Snow White*.

Joanna Lewis's Birthday Surprise Shocker

This is not Joanna's first "treading of the boards" although it is her first production with the Worthy Players. She played a major role in *The Little Fir Tree* for which she also wrote the script. The role of Bunny gives her the first opportunity to die on stage.

James Moore Sheds Light On The Mystery

James is a new member of the Worthy Players. He is interested in all aspects of drama and for this production is understudying a number of roles. He was involved in making a film during his school's Activities Week where he played a vampire hunter. He also starred in *A Slice of Life* playing the Park Keeper.

Billy Pettigrew Cast In Dual Persona

Billy has appeared in a number of productions for the Worthy Players, from a Guard in *Robin Hood* to a Street Boy in *A Christmas Carol*. He does find playing both a criminal and a police officer in this production a little confusing.

Lindsay Smith Has A Romantic Interest

Lindsay has appeared in a number of productions for the Worthy Players. Including *A Christmas Carol* and the Worthy Youth production of *Cut*. She is appearing again alongside her twin brother Mark, which adds a real sense of family togetherness.

Christina Lewis Mistaken For Foreign National

This is Christina's debut with the Worthy Players. Her previous experience includes plays every year in primary school, and *The Canterbury Tales* at the Westgate School. Christina is looking forward to following this play with a part in the group's pantomime.

Kirstie McLoughlin Has Recipe For Honey

This is Kirstie's second appearance with the Worthy Players. Last year she was part of the very successful Worthy Youth productions *Cut* and *Rinse The Blood Off My Toga*. In Australia Kirstie was involved in productions annually in her school in Australia, and also appeared in *Wakkakiri*.

Emma Haywood's Actions Behind The Scenes

Emma has appeared in a number of our productions. She was a Jewel, a Flower and a piece of Laundry in *Aladdin* – dancing and non-speaking roles. Emma is taking on Stage Manager for this production and wants to warn the cast that she does have an amazingly realistic looking prop gun.

Sean Williamson Is Caught In The Act!

This is Sean's first production with Worthy Players Youth, but he has some notable previous stage appearances, including *Return To The Forbidden Planet* at the Theatre Royal in Winchester. He is a keen student of drama and is hoping the role of a pleasure-loving student may give him a career direction.

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