Nordonia Drama

PRESENTS

A MURDER IS ANNOUNCED

By Leslie Darbon

Adapted from Agatha Christie's novel

Credit Where it's Due

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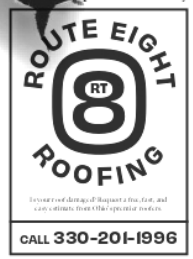
Between 7:30 and 8:30 every morning except Sundays, Johnnie Butt made the round of the village of Chipping Cleghorn on his bicycle, whistling vociferously through his teeth, and alighting at each house or cottage to shove through the letterbox such morning papers as had been ordered by the occupants of the house in question from Mr. Totman, stationer, of the High Street. Thus, at Colonel and Mrs. Easterbrook's, he delivered The Times and the Daily Graphic; at Mrs. Swettenham's he left The Times and the Daily Worker; at Miss Hinchcliffe and Mrs. Murgatroyd's he left the Daily Telegraph and the New Chronicle; at Miss Blacklock's he left the Telegraph, The Times and the Daily Mail.

At all these houses, and indeed at practically every house in Chipping Cleghorn, he delivered every Friday a copy of the North Benham News and Chipping Cleghorn Gazette, known locally simply as "the Gazette."

Thus, on Friday mornings, after a hurried glance at the headlines in the daily paper (International situation critical! U.N.O. meets today! Bloodhounds seek blonde typist's killer! Three collieries idle. Twenty-three die of food poisoning in Seaside Hotel, etc.) most of the inhabitants of Chipping Cleghorn eagerly opened the Gazette and plunged into the local news. After a cursory glance at Correspondence (in which the passionate hates and feuds of rural life found full play) nine out of ten subscribers then turned to the PERSONAL column. Here were grouped together higgledy-piggledy articles for Sale or Wanted, frenzied appeals for Domestic Help, innumerable insertions regarding dogs, announcements concerning poultry and garden equipment; and various other items of an interesting nature to those living in the small community of Chipping Cleghorn.

This particular Friday, October 29th, was no exception to the rule. Mrs. Swettenham, pushing back the pretty little grey curls from her forehead, opened The Times and looked with a lacklustre eye at the page. Her son grunted, poured himself out a cup of coffee, helped himself to a couple of kippers, sat down at the table and opened the Daily Worker which he propped up against the toast rack. "I really don't know how people manage to feed big dogs nowadays.



Agatha Christie's

A Murder is Announced

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CAST

in order of appearance

Julia Simmons…….Amaya Mayes

Letitia Blacklock……...Aubrey Spinetti

Dora Bunner……...Jocelyn Whitaker

Patrick Simmons……..Evan Doles

Mitzi……..Claire Marchant

Miss Marple……...Abigail Krysinski

Phillipa Haymes……..Gillian Curcic

Mrs. Swettenham……..Ella Bozan

Edmund Swettenham……..Caeden Bolling

Rudi Scherz…….Michael Satola

Inspector Craddock…….Ezekiel Rayle

Sergeant Mellors……Michael Satola

SETTING

Act One

Scene I: The morning of Friday the 13th

Scene II: 6:10 pm, the same day

Scene III: The following Saturday morning

Act Two

Scene I: The following Sunday afternoon

Scene II: The following Monday morning

Scene III: 6 pm, the same day

Production Staff

Director……..Chris Simmons

Assistant Director……Julia Dulaney

Technical Directors……Carlton Guc & Dylan Maholm

Graphic Design……...Logan Strauss

Social Media……...Richie Nyce & Ezekiel Rayle

Production Photography…….....Lexi Majoros

Videography……...Ryan Dulaney

Box Office…….Stella Naymik

Makeup & Hair Manager……Julia Greenberg

Stage Crew/Props Manager……..Ash Penrod

Stage Crew……..Lillian Baker, Abigail Bendlak, Avery Britton, Henry Burt, Hailey Cannon, Aubrey Garcia, Katie Hersh, Gabby Jethrow, Daniel Keaveny & Isabella Schultz

Tech Crew Manager……...Anthony Trivisonno Jr.

Tech Crew……Aster Davarpanah, Zion Fountain, Sophie Gentile, Kendall Haynes, Addy Sears & Paul Yorkievitz

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The Whodunnit Who's Who!

Caeden Bolling (Edmund Swettenham) is a junior. This is his fifth Nordonia Drama production, having also been on stage in *Five by Ives, Once Upon a Mattress* (Wizard), *Puffs* (Wayne Hopkins) and *The Little Mermaid* (Scuttle). Caeden is also involved in Choir, Synergy, NST3 and NHSDEIC, and he is the current co-President of Drama. He plans to attend college for Education and Music after high school. Caeden worked at Cinemark over the summer and believes that if he was able to survive Barbenheimer weekend, he truly can do anything.

Ella Bozan (Mrs. Swettenham) is a junior this year. Past Nordonia Drama credits include: *Five by Ives, Once Upon a Mattress* (Minstrel) and *The Little Mermaid* (Ariel). She has also performed with Pheonix Performing Arts, the Akron All-City Musical and Rubber City Theatre. Ella also participates in Choir, A Capella, and Cabaret Troupe and is the current co-President of Drama. After high school, Ella hopes to study Psychology at a currently undecided Ivy League school.

Gillian Curcic (Phillipa Haymes) is a junior and *A Murder is Announced* marks her first theatrical production! She is also involved in Spanish Club and enjoys the music of Natalia Lafourcade. Gillian is looking forward to studying Forensic Science after high school.

Evan Doles (Patrick Simmons) is a senior making his Nordonia Drama debut in *A Murder is Announced*! The proud owner of a bucket of dinosaur teeth he collected in Montana, after high school Evan plans to attend college for undergraduate degrees in Geology and Biology and then go to graduate school for Paleontology.

Abigail Krysinski (Miss Marple) is a senior and is appearing in her third Nordonia Drama production, having previously been on stage in *Puffs* and *The Little Mermaid*. She also participated in Drama at the middle school. After high school, she plans to study Marine Biology and later study sharks and rays. Abigail is a big music fan, and her favorites include Twenty One Pilots and Declan McKenna.

Claire Marchant (Mitzi) is a senior. She has appeared onstage at Nordonia in *Once Upon a Mattress, Puffs* and *The Little Mermaid* (Ursula). She has also performed with Pheonix Performing Arts, based out of Akron. Claire is also a member of Choir, likes to crochet and make art, and takes voice lessons. She plans to continue her education after high school and is deciding between theatre or cosmetology.

Amaya Mayes (Julia Simmons) is a senior, and she is appearing on stage in her second Nordonia Drama production. She was on stage last year as one of the mersisters in *The Little Mermaid* and participated in Drama at the middle school. Following graduation in the spring, Amaya will complete the requirements for her Cosmetology license and Associate's Degree. She would like to own her own salon, while also pursuing acting.

Ezekiel Rayle (Inspector Craddock) is a sophomore who has previously appeared on the Nordonia Drama stage in *Puffs* and *The Little Mermaid* (Sebastian). He also performed as Kevin in *Mean Girls* at Rubber City Theatre this past summer and has been a part of Nordonia A Capella for six years. Ezekiel has been performing since he was six years old, and he plans to continue after high school, studying acting abroad.

Michael Satola (Rudi Scherz/Sergeant Mellors) is a senior and this is his second Nordonia Drama production, after first appearing onstage last year as Chef Louis in *The Little Mermaid*. He has also previously participated in Band and Diving. Michael is currently working on Film and Digital Design at CVCC and animates in his spare time. After graduation, he plans to attend Kent State to study Theatre and Film.

Aubrey Spinetti (Letitia Blacklock) is in the eleventh grade this year and this is her third production with Nordonia Drama, appearing in *Puffs* and *The Little Mermaid* last year. When not in rehearsal, she enjoys fashion, painting and reading. After high school, Aubrey would love to go to Kent State University to continue her education in an art or design related field.

Jocelyn Whitaker (Dora Bunner) is in the twelfth grade, and this is her third Nordonia Drama production and her first fall play! She appeared in *Once Upon a Mattress* and *The Little Mermaid*, and was also on stage with Drama at the middle school. She is a member of Choir and National Honor Society and is honored to have been a two-time recipient of the Drama Award for Best Laugh. After graduation, Jocelyn plans to attend Kent State University to major in Creative Writing.

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April 19-21, 2024

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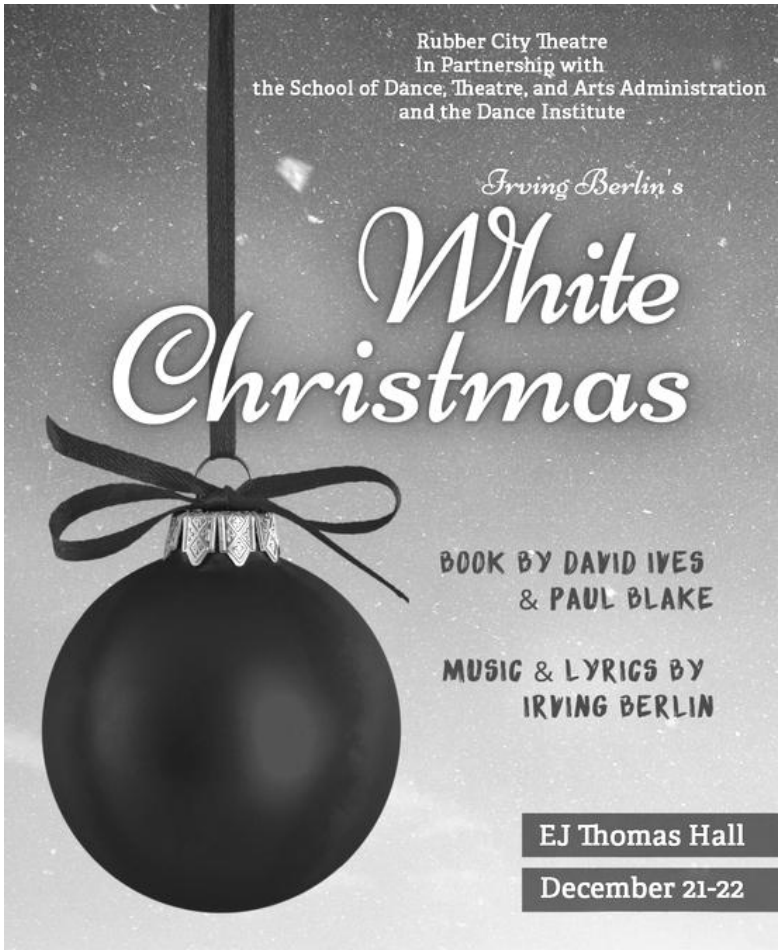
Following the performance, we will be collecting donations. Nordonia Drama will split all money collected this weekend with the Emergency Assistance Center. Thank you for your support!!