



# ST. LUKE'S PLAYERS

*presents a murder mystery to start our 2016/17 Season*



*written by*  
Agatha Christie

*adapted by*  
Leslie Darbon

*directed by*  
Peter Gatt

EVENINGS at 7:30 pm  
Oct. 12, 13, 14, 15, 19, 20, 21 & 22

MATINEES 2:00 pm Oct. 15, 16, 22 & 23

## **Synopsis:**

An announcement in the local paper states the time and place of a murder, in Little Paddocks, Miss Blacklock's house. The victim is not one of the several occupants but an unexpected and unknown visitor. A second death occurs before a determined Inspector can unravel the mixed motives and concealed identities. Meddling Miss Jane Marple is on hand to provide the final solution — at some danger to herself — in a dramatic confrontation scene just before the final curtain.

The action takes place in the two drawing rooms, which have been made into one room, in an early Victorian house in Chipping Cleghorn in the 1950's.

*Produced by special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc.*

ACT ONE:     Scene I: The morning of Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>  
                  Scene II: 6:10 p.m. the same day  
                  Scene III: The following Saturday morning

There will be a 15 Minute Intermission during which cold drinks, coffee, tea, candies and other snacks will be available at our Concession. All items \$1.00

ACT TWO:     Scene I: The following Sunday afternoon  
                  Scene II: The following Monday morning  
                  Scene III: 6 p.m. the same day

***During the performance kindly turn off cell phones and anything that makes a noise. No recording or flash photography.***

*If you do not wish to keep your program, please return it to Front of House for re-use and recycling. Thank you.*

# **CAST** in order of appearance

Letitia Blacklock	Jane Guy
Julia Simmons	Euphemia MacMurchy
Dora Bunner	Beverly van Druten-Blais
Patrick Simmons	Sean Dillman
Mitzi	Stephanie Landucci
Miss Marple	Geli Bartlett
Phillipa Haymes	Melissa Berry
Clara Swettenham	Joy Farrell
Edmund Swettenham	Nick Atkinson
Rudi Scherz	Murray Shaw
Inspector Craddock	Eric Grace
Sergeant Mellors	Colleen Blunt

## **Director's Notes:**

What can you say about a playwright who has outsold every author and publication (excluding The Bard and The Bible, respectively) except... I wish we had more of her kind. I am tremendously honored to be at the helm of this production and to share the work of my favorite author. It takes a village to make a mystery; from Miss Marple sleuths to bottle washers, from our team at the table to our concession volunteers. It only takes YOU in your seat to enjoy it. This production is dedicated to the memory of one of my mentors Timothy Sutherland.

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# **PRODUCTION CREW**

Director	Peter Gatt
Assistant Director	Euphemia MacMurphy
Producer	Helena Descoteau
Assistant Producer	Deb Taylor
Stage Manager	Bronwyn Taylor
Assistant Stage Manager	Dorothy Eggenberger
Set Design	Barbara Clerihue
Set Décor & Props	De Roger & Linda Troke
Set Construction & Painting	Dave Hitchcock, Neville Owen, Paul Hawkes-Frost, Martha McNeely, Jon Scheer, Simon Skey, Jerry McKintosh, Don Lambton, De Roger, Joy Broomfield, Deb Taylor, Linda Troke
Lighting Design	Em Yarnold
Sound Design	Kathy Macovichuk
Lighting Operators	Max Terpstra & Carol-Anne Moore
Sound Operator	Guy Blais
Back Stage Crew	Elaine Lewis
Costume Design	Colleen Blunt
Program Design	Jane Guy
Photos & Lobby Display	Beverly van Druten-Blais
Publicity	Janine Longy
Front of House Manager	Bill Williamson
Concession Managers	Sheila McKenzie
Front of House and Concession volunteers	

## **St. Luke's Players would like to thank:**

Rev. Daniel Fournier and Bonnie Watkins of St. Luke's Anglican Church, The Times Colonist, Victoria Theatre Guild (Langham Court), Tourism Victoria, Philomena Hanson of Victoria Arts Marketing, Sherwin-Williams Paints, Thomas VanOosting for the original music, Victoria Operatic Society, Broadmead Gallery & Framing, and all those wonderful people who volunteer in the concession, front of house and elsewhere in helping with this production. **WHO ELSE?**

## **CUSHIONS ARE AVAILABLE DURING THE SHOW**

Please help yourself to seat cushions and return them to the containers when you leave. Thank you.



**Peter Gatt (Director)**

Peter is locally born and raised, and a graduate from the Canadian College of Performing Arts. Peter has also worked in Barkerville Historic Town as a Judge with Judge Begbie. He couldn't have pulled this off without his stage manager, assistant stage manager, assistant director, and his wife - much love to these ladies!

**Nick Atkinson (Edmund Swettenham)**

This is Nicholas's first production with St. Luke's Players, and he's delighted to be involved. He has been acting in the Mid-Island region for most of his life, and most recently starred as Spike in *Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike*, in Qualicum Beach this summer. Enjoy the Show!



**Geli Bartlett (Miss Marple)**

After 14 years of happy association with St Luke's Players, in various roles and capacities, Geli's dream has come true; she's playing Miss Marple. On with the tweeds, the lisle stockings and the brogues! Out with the knitting bag. Pour the tea and let the carnage begin! Thanks Peter and SLP!



**Melissa Berry (Phillipa Haymes)**

Melissa is delighted to be a part of *A Murder is Announced*, working alongside the lovely cast and crew of St. Luke's Players. This is her second time treading the boards since her return to Victoria and Melissa is grateful to be in a city so eager to engage with the arts, even the art of murder!



**Colleen Blunt (Sergeant Mellors)**

A theatre student who is currently enrolled in life, Colleen is enjoying the laughter and heart of this piece. Previous credits include Anna in *Spring Awakening* (Company C at the Belfry), Lucy Steele in *Sense and Sensibility*, Elizabeth in *Young Frankenstein*, and Pomona in *Metamorphoses* (CCPA).





**Sean Dillman (Patrick Simmons)**

Sean is dedicating his performance to the cast and crew of the show. He is happy to be joining St. Luke's Players after playing George Hastings in *She Stoops to Conquer* at Langham Court Theatre this past summer. Off the stage, Sean is a lawyer and a senior citizens' advocate.

**Joy Farrell (Clara Swettenham)**

Seen earlier this year as Miss Lucy in *Bull in a China Shop*, Joy is delighted to be back on stage with St. Luke's Players. Performing in an Agatha Christie play has been a long-held ambition. Previous roles include Judge Julius in *Welfarewell* (SLP) and Ruth in *Calendar Girls* (Langham Court).



**Eric Grace (Inspector Craddock)**

Eric appeared in last year's production of *Opening Night* as a floundering actor. He has also performed with other local companies including Langham Court, Theatre Inconnu, Peninsula Players and The Greater Victoria Shakespeare Festival. He hopes you enjoy the perplexing plot and comical characters of *A Murder is Announced*.

**Jane Guy (Letitia Blacklock)**

Jane's first role with St. Luke's Players was 14 years ago as Miss Marple in *A Murder is Announced*. She is delighted to get the opportunity to act in this play again, and as a different character. She has performed many times with SLP, most recently as Margaret St. James in *Victoria's House* and Esmerelda Quipp in *Welfarewell*.



**Stephanie Landucci (Mitzi)**

Stephanie is thrilled to once again be treading the boards, in her first production with St. Luke's Players. Her previous credits include Rizzo in *Grease*, Raina in *Arms and the Man*, Hermia in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, and Yum-Yum in *Mikado*. Stephanie holds a Master's degree in Vocal Performance from the University of Victoria.



**Euphemia MacMurphy (Julia Simmons, Assistant Director)**

Euphemia is delighted to return to St. Luke's Players after stage managing *Steel Magnolias* in 2014. Recent credits include Constance Neville in *She Stoops to Conquer* (Langham Court), and director of *Cavendish* and *No Man's Land* (UVic Phoenix Theatre). Love, as always, to Nick.

**Murray Shaw (Rudi Scherz)**

Murray is excited to be performing with St. Luke's Players for the first time. He has performed with VOS, Comox Valley Youth Music Centre, Rainbow Youth Theatre, and his parents' living room (very prestigious). He would like to thank his friend Peter Gatt for giving him the opportunity to cross a new threshold. Enjoy the show!



**Beverly van Druten-Blais (Dora Bunner)**

Beverly has performed with St. Luke's Players, Intrepid, Workingclass, and Langham Court Theatres. She's forever been a fan of mystery, and now relishes being part of a wonderful Agatha Christie story. Twists, turns, colourful characters and an amazing cast and crew - what's not to enjoy for audience and actors alike!

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Directed by Jon Scheer

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MAT: Mar 11, 12, 18 & 19

**MURDER / COMEDY**



**THE ROBIN HOOD**

By Fred Carmichael  
Directed by Lori Dunn & Rachel Millar

EVE: May 17, 18, 19, 20, 24, 25, 26 & 27  
MAT: May 20, 21, 27 & 28

**SEASON TICKET SUBSCRIPTION**  
All 4 Shows: \$48  
3 Shows (panto excluded): \$40

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All Tickets: \$16  
Children – 5 and under: \$8 (panto only)

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