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# June 1 - 18, 2023

by Agatha Christie Produced by arrangement with Concord Theatricals



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# Presents



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# **Production** Team

Director	Carol Dolphin
Stage Managers	Jennifer Allen & Merry L. Jaeger
Set Design	Katie Johnson (KJ)
Light Design	John R. Dolphin
Sound Design	David A. Robins
Costume Design	Kate Dombrowski
Props Design	Lynn Ludwig-Franitza
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Thanks to a very generous donor, Sunset has installed the GPS Bipolar Ionization System throughout the Playhouse. This system kills pathogens, reduces airborne particles, neutralizes odors, and saves energy. To date, we are one of the few theaters in the state to install this powerful system.



# Time/Place

An evening in September, 1955. The drawing room of Copplestone Court, the Hailsham-Browns' home in Kent, England.

## Cast

Sir Rowland Delahaye Hugo Birch	
Jeremy Warrender	
Clarissa Hailsham-Brown	00
Henry Hailsham-Brown	
Pippa Hailsham-Brown	Lydia Wilhelm
Mildred Peake	Jenny Kosek
Oliver Costello	
Elgin	Jonathan R Nass
Inspector Lord	Jason Peregoy
Constable Jones	Tyler Peters

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# Sunset Playhouse Mission Statement

Sunset Playhouse serves the greater Milwaukee community by creating a nurturing and welcoming environment for all while producing quality entertainment and comprehensive educational experiences thereby creating opportunities in all aspects of theater for children and adults. We do this by: nurturing talent, engaging and acknowledging volunteers, producing a broad range of entertainment, providing education outreach through the School for the Arts, and creating the perfect balance of Community Theater and Professional Entertainment.

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# Meet the Cast and Production Team



JENNIFER ALLEN (Stage Manager) -Back again for another murder mystery alongside the Queen of Mysteries, Jennifer is enjoying her 16th year

volunteering at the Playhouse. If you enjoy Sunset from the audience, come volunteer because you'll love it "behind the scenes!" Thanks to Carol, Chris, Maggie, and Henry.



CAROL DOLPHIN (Director) - Sunset's "Queen of Mystery" returns for her annual mystery fix following many productions, including INSPECTOR CALLS, THE GAME'S

AFOOT, ANY NUMBER CAN DIE, and AND THEN THERE WERE NONE. A Sunset Life Member, Carol has also acted, done props and costumes, worked front of house, and served on the Board. (Mary, this show's for you).



JOHN R. DOLPHIN (Light Design) - John began work with the Playhouse in 1956 providing both stage sets and lighting design. In the years since, this Life

Member has served on its Board of Directors (including as vice president and president), and as its resident lighting designer. After 45 years as president and co-owner of Mid-West Scenic, John retired in 2000 to form his own company, Candela LLC. Recent design credits include AN INSPECTOR CALLS, THE GAME'S AFOOT, ANY NUMBER CAN DIE, A MURDER IS ANNOUNCED, GUYS AND DOLLS, GYPSY, THE ADDAMS FAMILY, THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST, SOMETHING ROTTEN!, THE MUSIC MAN, and SISTER ACT JR. Additional credits: Edinburgh Fringe, two venues in the Ukraine, and Dance Lighting Design for Berry College in Atlanta.



### KATE DOMBROWSKI (Costume Design) -Kate is always happy to be working with her two favorite theater "Queens of Crime", Agatha Christie and

Carol Dolphin! The 1950s are new for her and a fashion favorite. She is once again looking forward to working with old friends and making some new ones.



ALEXANDRIA A. EGGERT (Clarissa Hailsham-Brown) -Alexandria, who recently graduated with degrees in theater and English, is terribly excited to

return to the Sunset stage following her role as Connie in LOVE, SEX, AND THE I.R.S. Her favorite roles include Lady Macbeth (MACBETH) and the Traveler (THE MIRACULOUS JOURNEY OF EDWARD TULANE).



HAL ERICKSON (Hugo Birch) - Hal says "hallelujah" at making his ninth Sunset appearance. Favorite roles include Grandpa (YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU),

Hannibal (ANY NUMBER CAN DIE), Whiteside (THE MAN WHO CAME TO DINNER), Norman (ON GOLDEN POND), and Ben Franklin (1776). Kudos to the wonderful Sunset personnel who rushed to Hal's aid on the Night of the Broken Nose.

# Meet the Cast and Production Team cont.



JIM FEELEY (Sir Rowland Delahaye) -Waiting for the right role to come along, Jim happily makes his Sunset Playhouse debut, particularly in a role that requires

drinking wine and sitting a lot. Credits include THE FOREIGNER, HARVEY, MACBETH, and CABARET. Jim would like to thank Ernie Kovacs, Spike Jones, Larry Fine, and Harry Ritz. Have fun!



MERRY L. JAEGER (Stage Manager) -Merry's most recent Sunset stage management credits include THE CEMETERY CLUB, BAREFOOT IN THE

PARK, and THE GAME'S AFOOT. She's also a regular at SummerStage of Delafield, most recently stage managing A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM and LOVE, LOSS, AND WHAT I WORE. She is delighted to join this talented cast and crew! XXOO to Scott.



KATIE JOHNSON (KJ) (Set Design) -With a BFA in Theater Design and Technology from Nebraska Wesleyan University (considered one of the top 25

theater schools in the country), KJ is excited to be Sunset's new Technical Director. She looks forward to making lots more art with everyone at the Playhouse.



JENNY KOSEK (Mildred Peake) -

Jenny last appeared here as Sybil in 2022's AN INSPECTOR CALLS. Recent roles include Hermia (A

MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM) and Nora (LOVE, LOSS, AND WHAT I WORE), both with SummerStage of Delafield. Jenny's credits elsewhere include Olivia (TWELFTH NIGHT), Bianca (THE TAMING OF THE SHREW), Babe (CRIMES OF THE HEART), Mina (DRACULA), and Elvira (BLITHE SPIRIT).



LYNN LUDWIG-FRANITZA (Props Design) - Lynn is excited to return to Sunset for another amazing show. She has been working backstage in various

theater roles since 2005, and has been at the Playhouse since 2019. Lynn is also a high school special education teacher and a member of Denai's Dancers. She would like to thank her wonderful husband, Joe, for his support.



JONATHAN R NASS (Elgin) - Jonathan feels fortunate to be

Feels fortunate to be back on the Sunset Playhouse stage. Favorite roles include Jacob Marley (A CHRISTMAS

CAROL), Pulitzer (NEWSIES), and Nathan Detroit (GUYS AND DOLLS). Jonathan hopes you enjoy the diversion while solving this mystery.

# Meet the Cast and Production Team cont.



CHRISTOPHER ORTH (Henry Hailsham-Brown) -Christopher is a director, teacher, and actor who has worked with several local theaters and arts

organizations. He is thrilled to return to the Playhouse where he was last seen as Will Ogden in MOTHERS AND SONS. Christopher's other recent credits include Naphtali (JOSEPH...

DREAMCOAT), Kurt's Dad (HEATHERS), Escapologist/Sergei (MATILDA), Butch (LEADING LADIES), and Lysander (A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM).



JASON PEREGOY (Inspector Lord) -Jason is excited to make his Sunset Playhouse debut! Although he has not performed in more than ten years, his

credits include Valvert in CYRANO, Don in BOYS' LIFE, and Edmund in WINTERTIME. Jason is also an original member of Explore Theater which brings young students' stories to life on stage.



TYLER PETERS (Constable Jones) -This is Tyler's sixth Sunset production and he is thrilled to be back with another Christie mystery! Playhouse credits

include Robert (DON'T DRESS FOR DINNER), Edmund (A MURDER IS ANNOUNCED), and Mac (YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU). Tyler thanks his family, friends, and girlfriend Maddy for their continued support.



NATE PRESS (Oliver Costello) - Nate is happy to return to the Sunset stage after his recent appearance in LOVE, SEX, AND THE I.R.S (Jon). Additional Playhouse

credits include SIX DEGREES OF SEPARATION and two tours with Sunset's educational bug in a rug Children's Theater. Nate's other favorite roles include Tim in THE GOOD FATHER with Milwaukee Irish Arts, Tom in THE GLASS MENAGERIE at the Underground Collaborative, and CB in DOG SEES GOD for Splinter Group. Thank you.



DAVID A. ROBINS (Sound Design) -

David is thrilled to return to Sunset where he designed sound for CLUE. Other design credits include MURDER ON

THE ORIENT EXPRESS, SILENT SKY, and THOROUGHLY MODERN MILLIE, as well as Wisconsin premieres of CORALINE and THE ADDAMS FAMILY. When he's not in the booth or backstage, David enjoys attending pop culture conventions and playing RPGs and board games. Carpe Noctem!



# Meet the Cast and Production Team cont.



Enjoy the show!

JUSTIN LEE TIDWELL (Jeremy Warrender) - Justin, who recently relocated from Texas and holds a BFA in Theater from Texas State

University, is thrilled to return to Sunset after his most recent role as Cal in Terrence McNally's, MOTHERS AND SONS. Special thanks

to Chris for all your love and support.

LYDIA WILHELM (Pippa) - A freshman at KM School for Arts and Performance, Lydia is delighted to make her Sunset Playhouse debut! Recent theater credits

include Betty (BEST CHRISTMAS PAGEANT EVER) and Belle (BEAUTY AND THE BEAST JR)—both at The Box Theatre Company. You may have also seen her as Anne Shirley (ANNE OF GREEN GABLES) at SummerStage of Delafield last summer.

SideNotes Cabaret Series Hits of the IT'<u>s my party</u> Hils Of The '50s & '60s une 8 - 11, 2023 Sundays at Sunset Motown & Soul Hits June 25, 2023 Sundays at Sunset Broadway Cabaret

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As you know, our facility is very valuable, but with ownership, in order to increase and retain the value of the property, comes the need for building improvements, updates, and maintenance.

### Projects we need to complete in the near and distant future include:

- \* Paint the building exterior
- \* Replace the roofs
- \* Repair, reseal, and restripe the parking lot
- \* Repair exterior lighting and increase for safety
- \* Install accessible lobby entrance doors

Please know how grateful we are for your past donations! We couldn't have burned the mortgage or survived COVID without you! We hope you will recognize the need to improve, update, and maintain our wonderful property with a donation to our **Spring 2023 Campaign**.

# All donations, of any size, will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Marto J Cichmana

Marla Eichmann, President, Sunset Playhouse Board of Directors

Please visit SunsetPlayhouse.com and donate today. Thank You!

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Sunset Playhouse acknowledges the individuals, corporations & foundations whose generosity confirms the importance of live theater in our community. In recognition of this support & encouragement, we proudly list their names in thanks. This list reflects those who donated to Sunset Playhouse from September 1, 2021 to April 30, 2023. To donate to our Celebration of Giving, please visit SunsetPlayhouse.com

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### **SideNotes Cabaret Series**

THE SOUND OF HER MUSIC: Julie Andrews Tribute : Oct. 12 – 15, 2023 DEAN MARTIN'S COOL YULE : December 7 – 10, 2023 COUNTRY CROSSOVER : February 8 – 11, 2024 CHICK SINGERS OF THE '80s : March 21 – 24, 2024 HITMAKERS & HEARTBREAKERS : May 9 – 12, 2024 THE GREAT AMERICAN SONGBOOK : June 6 – 9, 2024

### After Sunset Studio Series

OTHER DESERT CITIES (Drama) : January 19 – 21, 2024 CRY IT OUT (Drama) : May 3 – 5, 2024

### **Special Events**

DAVID SEEBACH: Illusions In The Night : October 20 – 22, 2023 JAYNE TAYLOR CHRISTMAS SHOW : November 25, 2023 THREE TENORS MKE HOLIDAY CONCERT : December 5, 2023 FROM BROOKLYN TO BANDSTAND NYE CONCERT : December 31, 2023 GENTLEMEN PREFER BLONDES : January 4 – 14, 2024 QUEEN OF ROCK & ROLL: Stevie Nicks Tribute : June 4, 2024

### bug in a rug Children's Theater

FAIRY GODMOTHER'S (Song) BOOK OF WISDOM : November 4, 2023 TIME TO RECHARGE, HARPER! : February 21 – 24, 2024 LITTLE RED HEN REMIX : April 24 – 27, 2024

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