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"Whodunit?" is the big question being asked by Linda Finnell as Dora Bunner, Cheryl Newcomb as Miss Marple, and Tamyon Sager as Letitia Blacklock, as they view the body of Rudy Scherz played by Jeff Garber in the Otterbein Summer Theatre production of Agatha Christie's "A Murder Is Announced."

'Whodunit' opens at Otterbein

It's murder in a musty Victorian drawing room. The intrepid sleuth Miss Marple is matching up the maze of clues to show "whodunit" when the Otterbein Summer Theatre presents the central Ohio premier of Agatha Christie's "A Murder Is Announced."

The show runs Tuesday, July 22, through Saturday, July 26, at 8:30 p.m. in the Otterbein Campus Center Arena Theatre.

Christie's play is a unique challenge to the creativity of the director and the actors, according to Fred J. Thayer, Otterbein College Theatre designer, who is directing the production.

"With multiple motives for murder and a variety of possible suspects," Thayer said, "we plan to really keep the audience guessing about the murderer's identity."

He also pointed out that the play not only offers great mystery entertainment but also much tongue

in cheek humor.

"The comic interaction between the play's character adds a definite sparkle to the drama," Thayer said.

Thayer, who teaches directing at Otterbein, has directed two other recent Otterbein Summer Theatre productions, "Cactus Flower" and "Bus Stop." He also has directed "Two By Two" and "Our Town" for the Sabina Barn Theatre.

As a professional designer, Thayer has designed 138 productions, including "Bedroom Farce" and "Otherwise Engaged" in the current Otterbein Summer Theatre season.

David Hammond, a 1974 Otterbein graduate and the technical director for the summer theatre productions, is serving as the designer for "A Murder Is Announced." Costumes for the show are designed by Kathleen Lewicki, Otterbein College Theatre staff member.

The production features Tamyon Sager as Letitia Blacklock, Cheryl Newcomb as Miss Marple, and John Ebner as Inspector Craddock. Other cast members are Gwen Torry as Julia, Linda Finnell as Dora Bunner, Larry Sherwood as Patrick Simmons, Susan Diol as Mitzi, Ann Doering as Phillipa Haymes, Janine Papin as Mrs. Swettenham, Richard Buckley as Edmond Swettenham, Jeff Garber as Rudy Scherz, and Mike Echols as Sgt. Mellors.

Tickets are available for "A Murder Is Announced" at the campus center box office 12:30 to 9 p.m. weekdays.

Theatre goers will be challenged to solve the mystery in the Otterbein Summer Theatre production, "A Murder Is Announced."

During each performance at the close of the first act, the audience will be invited to submit the name(s) of the person or persons they think are guilty.

During curtain calls, the name of the "Sleuth of the Night" will be selected from among the correct answers.

The "Sleuth" will receive a special commendation and two tickets for the next Otterbein Summer Theatre production, "All Over Town."

Agatha Christie mystery

The Otterbein Summer Theatre will present the Central Ohio premiere of Agatha Christie's "A Murder Is Announced," beginning Tuesday, July 22. The play will continue through Saturday, July 26, in the air-conditioned Campus Center Area theatre. All performances begin at 8:30 p.m.

Fred Thayer, Otterbein College Theatre designer, who is directing the production, pointed out that the play offers an exciting challenge for the creative talents of the director and the actors.

"Almost everyone is a prime suspect," he said. "And, we plan to keep the audience guessing on 'whodunit' to the very end of the show."

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New Evidence is what Miss Marple (Cheryl Newcomb) right, is looking for as she questions Letitia Blacklock (Tamyán Sager) in the Otterbein Summer Theatre production of Agatha Christie's "A Murder Is Announced." The new mystery runs July 22 through 26 at 8:30 p.m. in the air-conditioned Campus Center Arena Theatre.

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Tickets are available for "A Murder Is Announced" at the Campus Center Box Office from 12:30 to 9 p.m. weekdays.

Church plans social

The Central College Presbyterian Church, 6891 Sunbury Rd, is holding its annual Ice Cream Social, Saturday, July 19. Plan to attend for fun and fellowship, as well as good eats, beginning at 5 p.m. on the church lawn.

WHODUNIT — That's the big question facing Miss Marple (Cheryl Newcomb), center, as she surveys the body of Rudy Scherz (Jeff Garber) in Otterbein's *A Murder Is Announced*. Linda Finnell, left, and Tamyán Sager, right, are interested in the answer, too.



Miss Marple To Seek Clues At Otterbein

Multiple motives for murder mandate a marvelous mystery for Miss Marple when Otterbein Summer Theater stages *A Murder Is Announced* at 8:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday in Arena Theater at the Campus Center.

Directed by theater designer Fred Thayer, the play, adapted from an Agatha Christie story, attempts to point the finger at everyone until the very end.

So, Otterbein will permit the audience to guess who committed the murder at the end of the first act.

From the correct entries, a winner will be drawn at the end of the play. The winner will receive two tickets to the last play of the summer season, *All Over Town*. It will open July 29.

Thayer has directed *Cactus Flower* and *Bus Stop* in recent summers at Otterbein.

David Hammond is designing the set for *A Murder Is Announced*, and Kathleen Lewicki is costume designer.

Cheryl Newcomb will play Miss Marple with Tamyán Sager as Letitia

Blacklock and John Ebner as Inspector Craddock.

Gwen Torry, Linda Finnell, Larry Sherwood, Susan Diol, Ann Doering, Janine Papin, Richard Buckley, Jeff Garber and Mike Echols also are in the show.

Tickets may be obtained beginning at 12:30 p.m. daily at the Campus Center box office.

Be a Super Sleuth

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