

Fenceline Theatre Company Senior School Production 2022
Produced by special arrangement with Origin Theatrical

Murder at **Checkmate Manor**

A comedy by David McGillivray and Walter Zerlin Jr.
Directed by Jane Hille

27 - 30 April 7:30pm Maali Mia


Swan Christian College
WISDOM IS OF GOD


FENCELINE THEATRE
— SPACE TO CREATE —

Synopsis

The local 'Dramatic Society' are well renowned in the community for doing regular and ambitious productions. This Murder Mystery is no exception. Invariably, these events are fraught with disaster. People forgetting lines, missing cues, set piece collapsing. Mrs Reece, is President of the local Guild. This is the Guild's annual theatre production and becomes a complete entertainment experience. She begins by introducing us to the members of the Society, then, we hear about some of the mishaps, we witness a fashion parade and get involved with the Murder Mystery quiz (pay attention.) Finally, she takes it upon herself to rescue the entire theatrical event, currently a shipwreck, and at the last moment alters the ending.

Director's Notes

This is a comic farce. Farce is a comedy that seeks to entertain an audience through situations that are highly exaggerated, extravagant, ridiculous, absurd, and improbable.

These types of plays are the most fun to do and the most difficult. Nearly everyone of stage has two characters, the dialogue, special effects, use of props and the mess left on stage brings its own challenges to the cast. The skill set required involves developing acute comic timing coupled with overt reactions and responses. These are two of the more sophisticated theatrical skills for performers to deliver. Farce works because we cannot predict what nonsense will take place. This play does not disappoint.

We have had tremendous fun rehearsing this and have laughed a great deal. Kudos goes to all the students who have being so resilient through the process. Doing theatre in a Covid restricted world has many challenges.

Cast

Mrs Reece	Annika Georgi
Lady Doreen Bishop	Michela Blicharski
Daphne Bishop	Aria Taylor
Clarissa Rook	Anke Tamsen
Pawn	Lachlan McGill
Regine the French Maid	Annika Georgi
Inspector O'Reilly	Ryan Walker
Joan Bishop	Claire McGill
Violet Bishop	Hayden Bettany
Rose Bishop	Taine Collins
Colonel King	Joshua Jarvis
Mrs King	Jewel Eggleston
Patricia Bishop	Shelby Anderson
Letitia Bishop	Nicola McElwee
Mr Goodbody	Miles Dodsworth

Members of the Guild and Fashion Models

Gordon	Liam Hislop
Shirley	Mina-Jo Farber
Edward	Matthews Bays
Ralph	Xander Poulter
Henry	Sebastian Weeks
Rosemary	Cerys Owens
Mavis	Alice Franks
Warren	Jarvis Church

**Produced by special arrangement with Origin
Theatrical**

Crew

Stage Management
Stage Management
Properties
Sound
Lighting

Alyssa La Cunza
Thomas Falcucci
Miss Nadia Alexander
Mr Ben Jones
Jane Hille

Acknowledgements

Thanks goes to Mr Eason who has allowed us to continue to rehearse and perform. To Mrs Friend who has been so vigilant in checking requirements for our show to open. For Mrs Bullard and Mrs Friend for their help with Front of House. Thanks to Miss Nadia Alexander for all the creative genius with making the properties and for making the program. Mr Jones for his skills with the technical aspects of the show, all of which has helped you enjoy the performance this evening. Thank you to all of you, for coming along and supporting the students in the College and their theatrical work!

- Jane Hille