They all had secrets. They all were guilty. They all just might die.

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Directed by Steve Noll

Featuring the restored original ending from the best-selling mystery novel of all time.

The Setting

The only house on Soldier Island, off the southern coast of Devon, England, summer 1939.

Act 1: Scene 1: A Friday evening in August (pause) Scene 2: The following morning

INTERMISSION

Act 2:

Scene 1: The same day. Saturday Afternoon Scene 2: The same day. Saturday Evening Scene 3: The next morning, Sunday

10 LITTLE SOLDIER BOYS

-Ten Little Soldier Boys went out to dine, One choked his little self, and then there were nine.

-Nine Little Soldier Boys sat up very late, One overslept himself, and then there were eight.

-Eight Little Soldier Boys traveling in Devon, One got left behind, and then there were seven.

-Seven Little Soldier Boys chopping up sticks, One chopped himself in half, and then there were six.

-Six Little Soldier Boys playing with a hive, A bumble-bee stung one, and then there were five.

-Five Little Soldier Boys going in for law, One got in Chancery, and then there were four.

-Four Little Soldier Boys going out to sea, A red herring swallowed one, and then there were three.

-Three Little Soldier Boys walking in a zoo, A big bear hugged one, and then there were two.

-Two Little Soldier Boys playing with a gun, One got frizzled up, and then there was one.

-One Little Soldier Boy left all alone...



Presents

And Then There Were None by Agatha Christie

Director Steve Noll

Stage Manager Jan Levine Thal

Lighting Designer Zak Stowe

Props Designer Michelle Dayton

Assistant Stage Manager Hannah Nies **Producer** Steve Noll

Associate Producers Scott Albert Bennett and Benjamin Barlow

> Costume Designer Marie Schulte

Sound Designer Tom Coyne

The Bartell Theatre on the Drury Stage Madison, Wisconsin

June 9th - 17th, 2023

Running time on stage is 2 hour and 20 minutes There will be a 15 minute intermission.

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DIRECTOR'S NOTE

You've seen this story before: a group of strangers arrive at a remote location and soon start dying off. Is the killer hiding, or one of them? This trope has been used countlessly for almost 90 years. From *Scream* to *Friday the 13th* to *Knives Out*, the formula continues to entertain. But Agatha Christie invented it.

As a woman mystery writer, she was in constant competition with male mystery writers to prove she was skilled. Her 1939 book *And Then There Were None* was her magnum opus. She established what it takes to build an airtight mystery and a master of misdirection. Name a male mystery writer of her era whose name you remember. Go on, I'll wait. The book became the best selling mystery book of ALL TIME, plus Christie has only been outsold by the Bible and Shakespeare. And yet, as a woman, she needed to continue to prove her skill. Let's also mention that her play *The Mousetrap* opened in London in 1952 and it's still running! Christie is often referred to as one of the greatest female mystery writers of all time, but let's set that record straight - she's one of the greatest writers PERIOD.

For those who have read the book, shhhhh!!! Yes, you know the story so just sit back and look for our spin on where the clues are hidden. For those who have seen a movie version or the play years ago, the ending is not what you remember. Christie's grandson commissioned a new ending in 2005 that's true to the novel. She herself felt her own ending was too disturbing for the 1943 play, so she re-wrote it for the stage. But we're going to go back to her original tale of that weekend on Soldier Island.

This play was written in 1943 and we have kept the British terminology of the era intact. And that's so wizard!

Steve Noll Producer/Director And Then There Were None

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CAST

Thomas Rogers	Scott Albert Bennett
Mrs. Rogers	Sara Beth Hahner
Tony Marston	
Philip Lombard	
Emily Brent	Stephanie Monday
William Blore	
General MacKenzie	James Rowe
Fred Narracott	Bryan Royston
Justice Wargrave	Scott Stanley
Vera Claythorne	Sara Wojtak
Dr. Edward Armstrong	Dennis Yadon

PRODUCTION TEAM

Director	Steve Noll Steve Noll
Producer	Steve Noll
Associate ProducersS	cott Albert Bennett, Benjamin Barlow
	Jan Levine Thal
Assistant Stage Manager	Hannah Nies
	Zak Stowe
Costume Designer	Marie Schulte
Props Designer	Michelle Dayton
Sound Designer.	Tom Coyne
Scenic Painter	Margie Hartwig
Carpentry and Painting	Teresa Sarkela
Set Rigging	Tony Bublitz
Fight Choreography	Patrick Mahoney
	Tom Coyne
Light Board Op	Dorothy Truman-Yadon
Production Photography	Steve Noll
Poster Design	Zak Stowe
Set Crew	Gretchen Wheat, Teresa Sarkela
,	d, Meaghan Heires, Misha Madison, y Berger, Julie Johnson, Bob Moore, Andrew Riggins

BIOGRAPHIES

Benjamin Barlow (Associate Producer) is incredibly happy with how amazing this team has been. An actor at heart, he's appeared on stage with Children's Theatre of Madison, Madison Opera, Strollers Theatre, Madison Theatre Guild, Mercury Players Theatre, Madison Shakespeare Company, and the Platteville Summer Arts Festival. A huge *thank you* to each and every person who touched a piece of this show. Big and small, every contribution has made a major impact on this production.

Scott Albert Bennett (Thomas Rogers) is happy to be back on stage again, after a too-long absence! Scott has spent the last few years directing & producing theatre, but acting is his first love. Scott has an MFA in acting from UW-Madison, and is the current president of the Strollers Board. Scott will also be appearing in "many" (??) roles in the first show of Strollers' 66th Season - The Mystery of Irma Vep, by Charles Ludlam, which will be co-produced by Scott's new side-project Oh, My Stars! Productions. We hope you come back to see it! It'll be a hilarious, horror-ific good time! Love to Landon and the fur-children, Murray & Harvey.

Thomas Coyne (Sound Designer) has, since 2015, run the sound board and, occasonally, designed the sound program for 13 shows including the theatre companies of Left of Left Center, Madison Theatre Guild, Mercury Players Theatre, Stage Q, Strollers Theatre, OH, My Stars! Productions as well as OUT!Cast Theatre.

Michelle Dayton (Props Designer) is excited to take a stab at Agatha Christie with this talented team. Michelle has been hanging around the Bartell Theater since 2014 as an usher. Her first production with Strollers can be traced to *Prelude to a Kiss* in 2016. This season, Michelle executed 5 prop designs at the Bartell and one upcoming for Lake Country Players in Hartland, WI in July. Michelle plans to give directing a shot in October 2023. **Sara Beth Hahner** (Ethel Rogers) is thrilled to be in her first Strollers/OUT!Cast production. Recent roles include: Millicent Flea in *Happy Landings* at Broom Street Theater and Ethel Chauvenet in *Harvey* at Madison College. Sara Beth is a Standardized Patient at UW School of Medicine, House Manager of the Performing Arts Center at Verona Area High School, and is always working to advance opportunities for artists with disabilities. She is honored to be working with Director Steve Noll, SM Jan Levine Thal and a "first-rate" cast and crew!

Margie Hartwig (Scenic Design) is thrilled to be a part of this production. She is so grateful to be surrounded by an amazing cast/crew. She would like to thank Steve and Theresa for their help and guidance. Enjoy the show.

Jan Levine Thal (Stage Manager) has written, directed, produced, crewed, and acted since she was a child. She is the retired Artistc Director of the Kathie Rasmussen Women's Theatre. Her 2nd novel was just published. She is inspired by Steve, Hannah, and the astounding cast and crew. She thanks her fabulous family and friends, especially her son, Jeremy Thal.

Patrick Mahoney (Tony Marston, Fight Choreography) is thrilled to be back on stage at the Bartell once again. Recent stage appearances include; *Clue* (Mr. Boddy), *Escape from Happiness* (Stevie), and *Bent* (Wolf) to name a few. Much love goes out to his family and friends near and far and of course Sara. Enjoy the show!!

Malcolm McCanles (Philip Lombard) is thrilled to be a part of his first production at the Bartell Theatre! He is a senior at UW Madison pursuing a degree in Theatre and Drama. He was previously seen in university productions including *Macbeth* as Macbeth, *Ride the Cyclone* as Ricky and *First Date* as Aaron. He would like to thank his cast, crew, director, and stage managers for making his first production at the Bartell a great one!

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Stephanie Monday (Emily Brent) is pleased to once again be under the direction of Steve Noll in And Then There Were None as Miss Emily Brent. She was most recently seen in Stroller's production of HIR. She would like to thank Steve, and the entire cast and crew of None for making this such a delightful production of which to be a part. Have fun and enjoy the wickedness...

Hannah Nies (Assistant Stage Manager) is happy to be ASM for this production. Past roles backstage include as SM intern at The Public Theatre, in Lewiston, ME, Production Assistant at Barter Theatre, and general minion to many. Upcoming work includes *Foul Lines* at the *CapitalQ Theatre Festival*. She'd like to thank Jan and Steve, the cast, and Agatha. To Mom - pudding!

Steve Noll (Director/Producer) would like to thank a killer cast (who always remembered to take notes in pencil) and a deadly crew (your bribery bottle of un-opened thanks is in the booth) for putting on this show so quickly. Steve has previously ripped off Agatha Christie twice (*It's Murder, Mary!* -2011 and *Clue* - 2021) so he's happy to finally honor the great dame properly.

Karl Reinhardt (William Blore) is overjoyed to be sharing the stage with a cast of such kind, professional, talented and hardworking humans. Being entrusted with the role of "William Blore" is not a privilege he takes lightly, and he thanks Steve for the opportunity. Karl has worn many hats over the past 20+ years on the Madison scene. Last seen in a theater directing Attack of the Killer B's at Broom Street Theater, and last seen on stage at Broom Street when he took over the role of "Hamilton Hunt" in Genealogy, he has also done his share of stage managing, sound design and board operating. Karl is looking forward to stage managing The Birds this Fall and growing his full beard back.

James Rowe (General Mackenzie) Well – if the director is bent on type casting you as a military man - getting a promotion is nice. Jim is a frequent presence in community theater having appeared in 23 staged productions with 10 area theater companies since 2015 including Miss Prism in The Importance of Being Earnest with Strollers. Some Favorites: Colonel Mustard in Clue!, Aunt Petunia in Harry Potter & the Pet Rock, Harry Cooper in Attack of the Killer B's, Dick Anderson in Temps! The Musical!, and Wanda Maximov in The Pantolorian.

Bryan "Bryan" Royston (Narracott) is proud to play a part in bringing this wonderful production to the stage! It has been a truly enjoyable experience. He thanks his family, friends, mysteriously talented fellow cast & creatives, (Steve!), OUT!Cast Theatre, Strollers Theatre, and you! Watch for Bryan on the Drury stage again in *The Pirates of Penzance* this August. Enjoy. *"Lemons. Slip soles. Cream. Eggs, tomatoes* and butter." A16: He puts his PJ-Amazon.

Q17: How do you deal with a fear of speed bumps?

Teresa Sarkela (Set Designer) paints, designs, and likes whiskey. Many thanks to OutCast! and Strollers for the opportunity to create... and to YOU [keen audience member] for supporting local art!

Marie Schulte (Costume Designer) has had so much fun working with this lovely bunch of actors set in 1939 England. I have always been fond of Agatha Christie and all of the mystery books, plays, movies and TV shows that were directly and indirectly influenced by her work. My best wishes to all of you!

Scott Stanley (Justice Wargrave) has been active in the Madison theatrical scene since 1999. Madison favorites include Assassins (Sam Byck), The Weir (Jimmy), Mauritius (Dennis), The Nance (Efram) and As Bees in Honey Drown (Mike). Much love to Denise for putting up with it all!

BIOGRAPHIES

Zak Stowe (Lighting Design) is an awardwinning lighting designer, producer, and director. Zak currently serves as President of the Bartell Theatre Foundation and is Lighting Supervisor for the Overture Center for the Arts. In his not-so-free time, Zak tours as a pyrotechnician and photographer for Tora!Tora!Tora! Air Shows. Lighting credits include: Hedwig & the Angry Inch, Cabaret, Falsettos, Die Mommie! Die!, Laced, and Next Fall (StageQ); The Mole Hill Stories (Children's Theater of Madison); La traviata, Cosi fan tutte (UW Opera); Disney's The Little Mermaid (Four Seasons): 25th Annual...Spelling Bee (Edgewood College); Born Yesterday, Other Desert Cities, and Working (Madison Theatre Guild); CLUE: On Stage, Shrek the Musical (Mercury Players); Almost Maine, Emilie: La Marquise du Chatelet (Strollers Theatre); Singing in the Rain, She Loves Me, Into the Woods, Around the World in 80 Days (MLC Forum). Love to Josiah. zakstowedesign.com

Dorothy Truman-Yadon (Board Operator) is thrilled to be a part of this production! This will be her debut in lighting for a theater production. She took a couple of stagecraft courses at Madison Area Technical College and wants to apply what she's learned for a live performance. She has graduated from MATC with an AA degree and will be heading to UW-Whitewater in the fall! She is very grateful to be a major contributor to this production. She hopes that everyone will enjoy the show, especially because her amazingly talented dad will be playing Dr. Armstrong! **Sara Wojtak** (Vera Claythorne) is thrilled to be in another murder mystery! Previous shows she's been involved in include *Clue*; *Hedwig and the Angry Inch; Escape from Happiness; Shrek: The Musical; Attack of the Killer B's; Almost, Maine; Dog Sees God;* and *H.M.S. Pinafore.* She'd like to thank her family and friends for their love and support, and especially Patrick who never leaves her hanging and is always by her side. Who done it? Enjoy!

Dennis Yadon (Dr. Edward Armstrong) appears in his 7th show directed by Steve Noll! He leaves it up to you, dear reader, as to whether that makes him a muse or just a glutton for punishment. Seriously, Dennis thanks Steve from the bottom of his heart. Dennis has performed off-Broadway and in regional theatres in numerous states. In Madison since 2003, favorite area performances include Clue (Wadsworth), The Nance (Chauncey), Gross Indecency (Oscar Wilde), A New Brain (Gordon), Into the Woods (Baker), Mauritius (Philip), Falsettos (Marvin), Shrek the Musical (Lord Farquaad), and The Producers (Roger DeBris). He sends love to his enchanting daughter Dorothy (she is the cute brunette running lights for the show)! As always, he dedicates his performance to the memory of his Mom and Dad.

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