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**Murder, Mystery, Mayhem!**

## “A Murder Is Announced”

**Positively Entertaining!!**

**Opening October 21**

**At the Historical Society Auditorium of Talbot County**

The original production was conceived in 1993 and Adapted by Leslie Darbon from an Agatha Christie novel, this enchanting whodunit is about a perfectly ordinary small English village thrown into chaos when a notice appears in the local paper, “*A murder is announced and will take place on Friday, October 29th, at Little Paddocks, at 6:30 p.m.*”

The people living there have no idea what the ad is about. Several villagers arrive at the house under the false pretenses of “just happened to be in the neighborhood”. At exactly 6:30, the lights go out and a man enters the room shining a flashlight in everyone’s face. Then shots are heard.

What follows is a classic Agatha Christie intrigue of diverse motives, concealed identities, more murder, and an indomitable Inspector to follow the twists and turns of the case. Enjoy intriguing, funny characters and Miss

Marple at her best in deciphering the confusing clues and circumstances of the murders with a dramatic confrontation that will keep everyone guessing up to the final curtain.

John Swann directs **A Murder is Announced** with Jay Juppe’ as assistant director. The cast is a talented group of newcomers and familiar TAP performers. Chris Asmussen, Bill Clear, Peter Dietz, Maggie Garey, Meg Ingold, Anna Kusnitz, Alison Lynch, Lynn Sanchez, Rob Sanchez, Sabiné Simonson, and Kim Wilson. The production crew is the perfect support team including stage manager Beth Driggs and assistant stage managers Barbara Rybacki and Barbara Mann. Producer Lisa Roth with Jesse Capps as set designer and prop master, Lawrie Jessup on set construction, light design by Skipper Marquess, Barry Sabo as light operator, Kevin Brown as sound operator, and Jo Ebling on stage crew.



*Alison Lynch, Chris Asmussen, Lynn Sanchez, Meg Ingold, Sabine Simonson*

(All photos by Lisa Roth)

### Performances:

**Friday & Saturday,**  
October 21, 22, 28, 29,  
November 4 & 5 at 8 pm.

**Sundays**  
October 23, 30,  
& November 6 at 4pm

**Thursday**  
November 3 at 7pm

*All performances are at the  
Historical Society of Talbot County.*

## ***A fabulous collaboration and Thank you to the Historical Society***

**A Murder is Announced** will be the third TAP production presented at the Historical Society Auditorium of Talbot County during the phase of renovations at the Oxford Community Center. The Historical Society is a fabulous host venue for the mystery comedy/drama of this enticing adaptation of Agatha Christie's **A Murder is Announced**. **Join us** at 17 South Washington Street, in Easton, take elevator or stairs to second floor for an extraordinary evening featuring the clever twists and sleuthing of Miss Marple in **A Murder is Announced**.

## ***The Big Bang exploded with a multitude of Stars, our Volunteers!***

TAP is so appreciative of their diligent volunteers: taking tickets, serving refreshments and making the show go on for **The Big Bang**. Linda Clark, Irene Pentimall, Marilyn & Herb Ziegler, Barbara & Tom Mann, Betty Dorbin, Terri Boyce, Cynthia Paalberg, Leigh & Skipper Marquess, Carla & Pete Howell, Diane Smith, Robyn Mendelsohn, Nancy Burroughs, Deb Dawkins & Stu Lehman, Ginny Allen, Betty Harris, Barbara Hartshorn, Jane McCarthy, Beth Anne & Ed Langrell, Kathy Hanna, Lynda Wilson, Arlene Bickel & Steve Clyburn, Lynn & Rob Sanchez, Zack Schlag, Olivia Garahan, Nancy Wilson, Peter Dunbar, John Swann, Jesse Capps, Susan & John Porch, Sheila Wainwright, Kim Wilson, and Ira Nelson. Volunteer to work during a performance and enjoy the show free of charge. Contact [info@tredavonplayers.org](mailto:info@tredavonplayers.org) or call 410-226-0061, line 5.



*Bill Clear, Maggie Garey, & Rob Sanchez*

## ***Mix a healthy hint of Mystery, a dash of Murder with a pinch of Savings for an enticing dish of Entertainment!***

A scrumptious recipe for an unforgettable evening or afternoon!!! **A Murder is Announced** offers a variety menu of performance dates and times. Stir together an early evening of diversion with a bargain as a bonus and TAP serves up Thrifty Thursday on November 3 at 7pm offering **two-for-one** adult tickets and students (through college with ID) are free. Opening night for **A Murder is Announced** on October 21 features complimentary champagne starting at 7:00 pm before the 8:00 pm curtain, only \$15. Also on the menu, three Sunday matinees at 4pm for early bird lovers. TAP cooks up the most delicious mix of entertainment, variety and value.



## ***Season Ticket Holders enjoy the Rewards***

Call NOW 410-226-0061 to reserve your seats in the front section and arrive 15 minutes prior to curtain time to ensure that your seats will be reserved. Guarantee your down front seats to the mystery and deception of **A Murder is Announced** and reserve your seating prior to performance night.



*Kim Wilson & Anna Kusinitz*

*For reservations and information, call 410-226-0061 or visit [www.tredavonplayers.org](http://www.tredavonplayers.org)*

## Coming Next for TAP...

Look for the exciting Tred Avon Player's  
30th Season to be announced in October.

More music, drama, comedy, and talent coming  
your way in Season 2012 returning home to the  
renovated Oxford Community Center.

**New Season, New Look, New Entertainment!**



## Get into comfort and then in the mood for Magic!

**Be a TAP Chairperson!** There is still time to purchase new comfortable seating in the newly renovated theatre at the Oxford Community Center. Your purchase of a deluxe chair for \$250 entitles you to your name(s) on its plaque. Some of the enchanting atmosphere and mystery of a performance is created from lighting and sound. Lightning flashes, thunderrumbles, the suddenness of a gun shot, the haunting strains of music, and the mood is set to enhance the production for your amusement. At TAP productions we make that magic happen as best we can with what we have. Help us make 21st century magic with a donation to our modernization campaign.



**Current Chairpersons:** Terry & Sherry Burke, The Garahan family, Sallie & Eugene Helm, Ira Nelson, Berry & George Passano, Joan & Fred Craig, Eleanor & Frank Polkinghorn, Lynn & Rob Sanchez, Sharon & Fred Churchman, Ted Clark, Karin Stoker & Joe Davis, Marilyn & Robert Dietz, Marsha & Barry Smith, Marie & Bill U'ren, Ann & Charlie Webb, Sheila M. Wheeler, Della & Herbert Andrew III, Loretta & Marshall Blume, Peter M. Dietz, Fiona & David Foster, Allison & Frances Garahan, Lena & David Gill, Kathy & Chris Gilson, Katherine & Bill Ginder, Evelyn Graybeal, Barbara Bimonte & William Hingst, Mary Ann Hensinger, Betty M. Jones, Dot Kenny, Linda & Ken Joy, Sharon & Robert Price, Cindy & Jim Reed, Bonnie & Dick Richards, Betsy Wilson, Emilie Knud-Hansen, Ernest Moore, Eunice B. Shearer, Sandy Pudifin & Ron Kaufman, Lisa & Frank Menditch, Peg E. Orem, Carol & Howard Safir, Jacqueline R. Scarborough, Peter Howell, Marsha and Robert Lonergan, and Catherine & Stuart Thompson Jr.

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*The cast of "A Murder is Announced"*