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Abdul at CT is *tired* of hearing about that *re-tread* Simon, who did it in *garage bay #2*, with a pipe wrench. Simon *treads* carefully and he is *handy*, given the *right tools* and a *battery of weapons* he could *tune up* anybody. He is a *greasy* character (thinks he's a *well-oiled machine*) ~ He's a *blow out!* nothing but *hot air!* We have a *fix* for that in *aisle #4*.



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A REHEARSAL FOR MURDER

WRITTEN BY: LORI GILBERT / DIRECTED BY: SANDRA CELOVSKY & MAC JONES

FEB 29, MAR 01 & 02 2024 7:30PM

ST BARNABAS CHURCH



A play about shallow people with Deep secrets!



Here's How.

deep river home hardware building centre

Connie at Home Hardware is sure she nailed it! None other than Officer Watson! He's a *useless tool!* and is always getting *hammered & screwed* around! No doubt he used the lead pipe, out in the *workshop*. He's not the *sharpest tool in the shed* & he's known to be a little more than *half a bubble off plumb!* He's *thick as two short planks!*



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Here's How.

Tanya at the Barbershop has cut in with "*Off the top of my head ...I think it was Officer Crick, in the shop, with a dagger. Has to have been, she cuts things pretty close. The buzz around town is that she left at quite the clip, on really short notice. She won't be back soon; and a side from her being as sharp as a razor, she's a mirror hack job; hope she gets the Chair!*" (or is this just another *close shave!*)



CELOVSKY, SANDRA
AKA: Co-DIRECTOR
From: Parts Unknown
Last seen: By Valu Mart
M.O.-:Being a Hack!
(Always yelling "CUT!")

Sandra Celovsky Co-Director

I have always loved theatre. Dramas, comedies, musicals, all of it. It took many years before I was involved in theatre as other than an audience member but once I started there was no going back. On every show I learn something new, make new friends and have a great time. This is my second stint as a director and this is a delightful show in which to share the directorial duties. I am so proud of the all the work that this awesome cast and crew have put into make *A REHEARSAL FOR MURDER* such an excellent evening out. Please sit back, relax and enjoy the show.



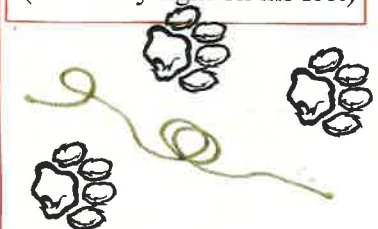
Mac Jones Co-Director

Mac has been involved with the Players since being asked to choreograph for *Leading Ladies* in 2011. Roles included the Judge, chorus, and choreography for *CHICAGO*, Fassbender in *PINK PANTHER STRIKES BACK*, Treville in *THREE MUSKETEERS*, and others including *MAMMA MIA!* He directed *ANYTHING GOES* in 2018 and choreographed several numbers, and looks forward to the Players' next musical.



JONES, MAC
AKA: Co-DIRECTOR
From: No fixed Address
Last seen: Near Cahoon's
M.O.- As a Flight Risk
(He's very light on his feet)

Heidi at Valley Fairy Tales is *pawsitively* sure that it was Ms Adelaide in the *salon* with a rope. It's *shear* coincidence that she's the Mayor, (*groomed by her Pa*). It's not something to *brush off!* She is *pawsibly* *flea-sing* the town! After all, that's her *style!* When they *comb* through the evidence and *cut* to the chase she's going to be *fur-i-ous!*



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DRUG MART

Candice at R/X thinks it was James with a pipe wrench in the janitor's closet. Besides being a *hard pill* to take, and being a *bit of a card*, (and maybe off his meds) he had the motive. We hope he gets a taste of his own *medicine*! But then again, we may just have the *solution* behind the counter???



Setting the scene... ??

- ◆ All scenes take place on the rehearsal stage in the basement of St Barnabas Church.
- ◆ There are 2 Acts with a 15 min intermission between Act 1 and Act 2.
- ◆ During intermission the house lights will come on.
- ◆ There will also be a short pause near the end of the play for the audience to "guess" the murderer. Please remain in your seats during the pause for guessing.



Lori Gilbert Lori grew up in Parrsboro, Nova Scotia, a small town on the rugged shores of the Bay of Fundy; an area steeped in local lore, and where the art of spinning a good yarn is treasured. After living in Sioux Lookout, Thunder Bay, Ottawa, and Rideau Lakes, Lori arrived in Deep River in 2015 where she quickly found plenty of interesting clubs and groups to join, including, Writers Unite, Beating Around The Bush book club, and the Deep River Players. Her Nova Scotian story-telling tradition followed her over the years, across 1000's of kms, offering fodder for an expanding passion for writing and sharing her work. From journaling her travels and life's adventures, to writing short stories, poetry, and plays, Lori is intrigued by all literary forms. A REHEARSAL FOR MURDER is Lori's second stage production presented by Deep River Players. Her first was CLOTHES LINE (2018) which she co-wrote with Sarah Adams. Lori is a passionate Whistle Stopper which combined with her nearly 6 decades of gathering tales has culminated in A REHEARSAL FOR MURDER. Enjoy the show and remember, any similarity between characters in the play and, say, you ... is strictly coincidental.



Fun Fact: The Whistle Stop was started in 1976 in the basement of the Christian Education Center. It was soon bursting at the seams and needed a new home. Shortly thereafter the Whistle Stop re-located to its current location (which at that time was the previous home of the Honey Dew Café). A continuous corp of dedicated volunteers has ensured the Whistle Stop's phenomenal unbridled success and a Deep River Landmark!

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Co-DIRECTORS SANDRA CELOVSKY & MAC JONES
PRODUCER ANNE DAVIES
WRITER LORI GILBERT
STAGE MANAGER TRISH CORRIVEAU
CAST: ROLANDO MILAN, HOLLY RABISHAW, ABBEY SHKARUPIN, BAILEY WAITE,
 JIM XIANG, JENNA ZANKI, SAM BESSEY, CHRISTINE BOURGEOIS, IKE DIMAYUGA,
 ANGELA MAYHEW, REBECCA MAYHEW



MOLLY ZUAGG

2
SOUND & LIGHTS MOLLY ZUAGG,
 RUDI UBRACH, RILEY MAYHEW, CLINT MAYHEW
COSTUMES LORI GILBERT
DRESSERS & SEAMSTRESSES JANE BARKLEY, ELIZABETH JONES, CANDACE
 GRAHAM, SUZANNE DUNFORD, KATHY FRASSO, AMANDA D'ORNELLAS
HAIR & MAKEUP SHONNA BOUTIN, SAMANTHA BESSEY, DIANE DORÉ,
 PROPS KAREN SHEWCHUK, TRACY ECHLIN
PROMPTER JANET MELNYK



SHONNA BOUTIN

3
SET DESIGN PAT PLAYFORD
SET BUILDING GEORGE GINN, BOB MONTAGUE,
 TROY WILSON, JESSE RHODES, SAM BESSEY, CAROLINE WHITE
SET PAINTING & DECORATION PAT PLAYFORD, ESTHER & RUPERT STEPHENS,
 JAN MANCEY, JOHN PLAYFORD, TOMMY MONAGHAN, MAYA HERRINGA
STAGE CREW TROY WILSON, JESSE RHODES, JANET MELNYK
Front of House SAMANTHA BESSEY, MARGARET MACPHERSON, MARK SELANDER,
 MAYA HERRINGA, ANNE SECK, BEV BYRNES, EVAN SULLIVAN



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Lesley's stab at it: "I'll take a jab at it without getting in too deep Firstly, Bridget being a-cute-puncturist, chee's constantly needling people & getting on their nerves! She did it in the loo, with a sword, simply to get her point across! Imagine that! When they coroner her, putting up a fight will be pointless! I'm waiting on pins and needles to see how this plays out."



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ZANKI, JENNA
AKA: Anna Zutic
From: Parts Unknown
Last seen: near Donna
Watt's Insurance
M.O.-: Playing it up

Jenna Zanki This is Jenna's first show with the Deep River Players. She brings past experience performing in community theatre productions in Leamington, Ontario and co-directing Fellowes High School's Spring 2023 performance of MEAN GIRLS THE MUSICAL. She is excited to begin her Deep River theatre experience as the character of Anna, a bossy stage manager looking to take this company to the 'professional' level. Although the Deep River Players aren't a professional theatre company (yet), Jenna feels lucky to be a part of such a talented and well-established group. Jenna has been living in Chalk River for the past 3 years with her partner, Matt, and dog Trixie. She is a busy bee who enjoys finding new hobbies to spark creativity and volunteering in the community.



Christine Bourgeois I grew up in the area and have been a part of theatre my whole life. I was usually behind the scenes with the sound and lighting with my dad but decided to be a part of the stage now. My character is Bridget Stewart. She grew up in the area and came back after University to become a teacher at the local school and start her picture perfect life with her beautiful family.



BOURGEOIS, CHRISTINE
AKA: Bridget Stewart
Last Seen: near Kevin
Hickey's
M.O.-: Patrolling the staff
lounge



MAYHEW, REBECCA
AKA: Officer Crick
Last seen: at the Campus
M.O.-: Smoking out
miscreants.

Rebecca Mayhew I haven't been one to be in front of a large crowd. The only time I performed in front of people was when I was younger and I sang in front of my family at my grandfather's 50th birthday. Now I try to challenge myself to get in front of people to help with my anxiety. I was a lead male role in my high school play "BACK TO THE 80'S". I look forward to seeing all the Players cast and crew's hard work pay off.



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We believe it was Bridget, as she possibly has a coloured past ~Only her hairdresser knows for sure ... She probably used a rope, in the stairwell. Simply because that's her style, she's all smiles but be careful, she will do you up wrong! First she'll cut you up, then set you up and hang you out to dry. It will be a permanent solution! A hair raising experience for all! (Just some tips that you don't want to brush off!) ... Just sayin' ...



This one takes the cake! Carolyn, (not wanting to stir the pot & whisk getting it wrong) thinks it's Anna, in the kitchen, with a dagger. She's cut through the evidence, whipped up a fantastic idea that seems half baked at first. The police will have a banquet with the clues, proof that Anna sliced & diced & julienned the victim. They will savour her just desserts!



WAITE, BAILEY
AKA: Elaine Harvey
From: Misery Bay
Last seen: Near the IDA
M.O.-: Blowing it!
(Her nose & her cool!):



Bailey Waite Bailey has been a member of the Deep River Players since 2017 when she was one of Reno's Angels in *ANYTHING GOES!* Since then she has worked on and off stage in *MAMMA MIA!*, *CLOTHES LINE*, *THE SOUND OF NEUTRONS*, and *THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST*. When not working with The Players, she tries to keep herself out of trouble by walking her dog, making art, and doing puzzles.



XIANG, JIM
AKA: Ryan
From: High Onthehog
Last seen: Leaving BROGA
M.O.-: Acting up



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Amy at Digital Copy believes it was none other than a copycat killer! It was Elaine, in the dark room, with a sword! It had to have been. Her photographic memory recalls Elaine in full colour posing over the body. Picture it laid out flat, on the mat in black and white print pyjamas! There are reams of documents that when collated will set the time frame. She will be exposed! Her mugshot will be all over the papers!...
She better mind her P's & Q's!



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Nina's says: "I know it's bitter to swallow but; I bet it was Ryan, in the lounge, with a rope! After all he is a very "knotty" boy!" He probably tied one on and got roped into it. The prescription for this may just be a dose of his own medicine!"



MILAN, ROLANDO
 AKA: Simon Harvey
 From: Out on the Wylie
 Last seen: Waltzing into town
 M.O.-: Taking the Tango much too far!

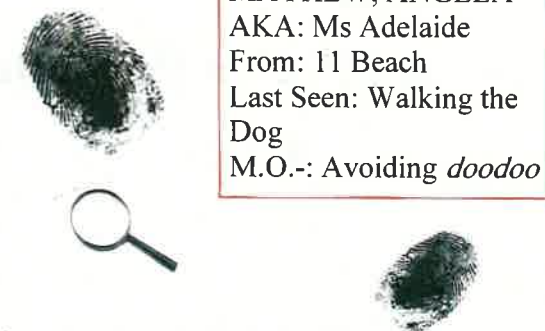
Rolando Milan A newcomer to Deep River and theatre. A native of Italy, Rolando moved to Canada in 1990 and embarked on a lengthy career with the RCMP. When not undertaking the role of Simon Harvey, Rolando enjoys Latin and Argentine tango dancing, photography, Tai Chi and other martial arts, Music / Keyboard, and good movies. Rolando brings to life Simon, a hard worker at CNL who relaxes through theatre and is generally very calm and collected. Simon will do anything for his wife, Elaine.



Angela Mayhew I've been theatrical my whole life, from dressing up in my grandmother's old fabric and putting on a show, to being in productions like MAMMA MIA! and THE SOUND OF NEUTRONS. This has been the hardest role for me. It challenges me to be someone I am not. I am excited to see how far I can go.



MAYHEW, ANGELA
 AKA: Ms Adelaide
 From: 11 Beach
 Last Seen: Walking the Dog
 M.O.-: Avoiding *doodoo*



BESSEY, SAM
 AKA: JAMES HARDY
 From: No Fixed Address
 Last seen: Singing in the Rain
 M.O.-: Known to be "Quite the guy"

Sam Bessey Sam's first performance was in ANYTHING GOES where he was bitten by the acting and singing bug. Since then, he has been involved in several Deep River Player's productions as well as performing with Riverrun Theatre, The Street Light Theatre, Deep River Choral Group, and recently the Deep River Concert Band.



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Jodie objects to the rumour that Simon did it in the loo. For *Haybeesus Corpus!* ~ Show me the body! In Simon's defence, she sustains the fact that it was Ms Adelaide likely accompanied by her shifty husband, James Hardy, in the kitchen with a revolver. Evidence presented will prove that she's guilty as charged! This hayness act and egg-regious assault was pre-meditated! It was carried out with extreme prejudice and malice! Alas, I digress, Ms Adelaide, when you take the stand for this off fence your honour is at stake! You be the judge, I rest my case!



DIMAYUGA, IKE
 AKA: Officer Watson
 From: Far Far Away,
 (Mackey)
 Last Seen: Leaving
 the dance hall
 M.O.-: Tip-toeing
 around the law

Ike Dimayuga Ike has been in a number of DRP's productions both on and off-stage. He enjoys playing a variety of characters in all types of performances, from musicals to comedies to dinner theatres. His role as Officer Watson in ARFM is another one he appears to be having a lot of fun in, taking the persona of this Deep River police officer who has been around the block a couple of times, so to speak. Officer Watson's commitment to his family is immediately clear and he doesn't miss any opportunity to spend time with his young daughter; but he takes his responsibility as a cop seriously and he is always ready to serve and protect his community.



Abbey Shkarupin Abbey is a Deep River local who is passionate about drama. This is her first time performing with the Deep River Players. She loves doing impressions and understands the key mannerisms that make up the essence of a person's personality. She has enjoyed drama camp, SUMMERMUSIC camp and loves to swim competitively for the Deep River Candu Swim Club. Abbey is enjoying her role as forensics specialist.



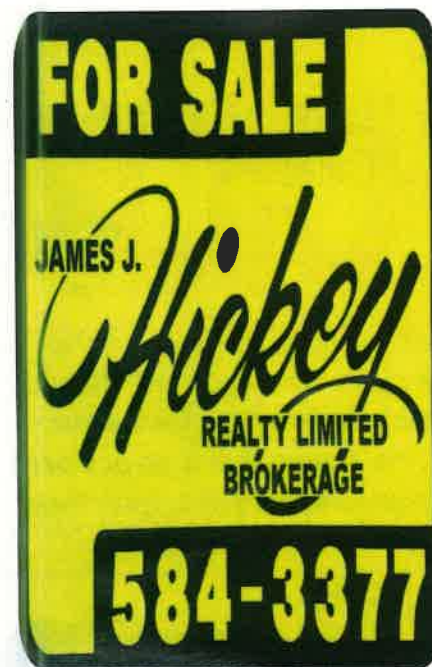
SHKARUPIN, ABBEY
 AKA: Officer Franklin
 From: The Smithsonian
 Last Seen: In the Chem
 Lab
 M.O.-: Seeking Solutions



Holly Rabishaw Holly is a familiar face in the Deep River Players and enjoyed performing, singing and dancing in MAMMA MIA!, CLOTHES LINE and THE SOUND OF NEUTRONS. In A REHEARSAL FOR MURDER, Holly has embraced the challenging role of Eve who is truly a force to be reckoned with. Eve's crass behavior, outlandish appearance, and her need to be the centre of attention have left the cast of MURDER AT THE WHISTLE STOP appalled, to say the least. Because of her checkered past, Eve is no stranger to the law. Her lusting over any man with a "heartbeat" has led her to lure James Hardy, the director, into her web of lies and yearning to do whatever it takes to be on top.



RABISHAW, HOLLY
 AKA: Eve MacDonald
 From: Ottawa (By-
 Ward Market)
 Last seen: Painting the
 town red.
 M.O.-: Strutting her
 stuff



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By Jiminy! Kevin is reeling after determining that to Eve, nothing is sacred! She did it in the garden with a sword! The plot goes like this: Eve would go to great lengths to get her right of way. There are no boundaries, she brokered a deal with the devil and ended up in this predicament! There's a war, four the deed to the property in question. In her bid to take possession she closed many doors. Did she just buy the farm or is this just a walk up Easy Street ...?



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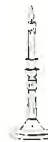


We thought it was James cuz he's a real treat, always dogging it and catting around ... but, his wife keeps him on a short leash. So it must have been Simon, in the pretty sitting room with a candlestick, (always burning the candle at both ends!) He always had this burning desire ...
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Phil at Cahoon's says it *sickening*; but it was Ms Adelaide, she did it with a sword, in the dining room. He says the law has just the *prescription* for such *vial crimes*, and hopes they *dis-pense* her *pun-ish-ment* fast. It will take more than a *spoonful* of sugar to help this *dose* of her own *medicine* go down. His *remedy* for this may be a *bandage solution*, *cosmetic* at best. A *prophylactic* measure perhaps, nonetheless she's guilty ~ a *script* needs to be *Philled!*



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