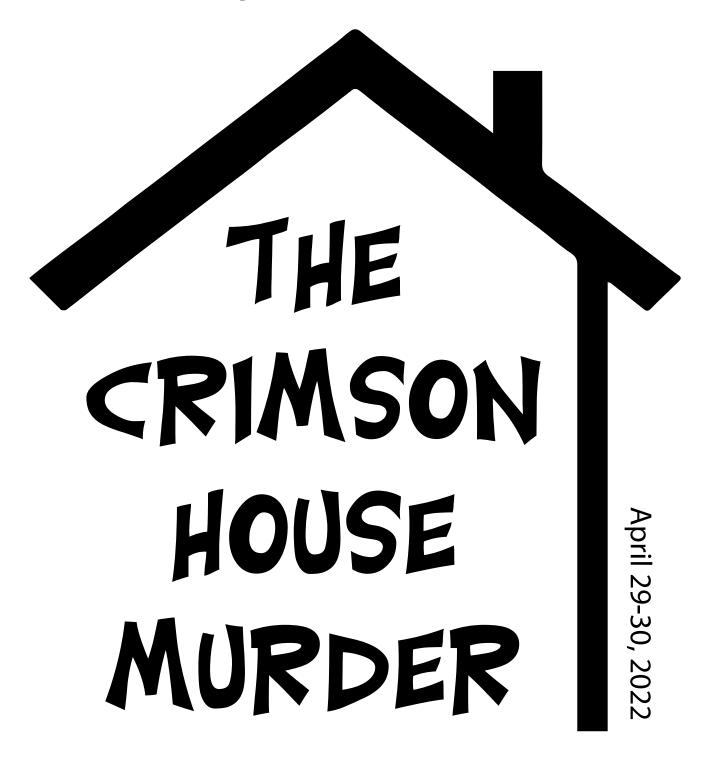
C.O.V.E. High School Theater Presents



Friday, April 29, 2022 - 6:30PM Saturday, April 30, 2022 - 3:00PM Covenant Community Church (C.O.V.E. Homeschool Co-op)

Directed by Donna Burgess & Rachel Burgess Assistance - Celeste Kraft Script by Tim Kelly & Pioneer Drama Service

Synopsis of Play

The story of Crimson House, a seedy hotel where the guests pay outrageous rent for shoddy service. Arriving on the scene is that famous, inept, yet very funny Hoboken detective, Hercules Porridge, who goes by Junior. A corpse has been discovered in the sitting room, and a beautiful secretary is done in by deadly orchid juice. Who could have done such dastardly deeds? The guest list includes a mystery writer, Agatha Crispie; an eccentric young man who dresses like a jungle explorer; and a strange actress who always dresses in black. Or maybe it's Colonel Chutney, a crazy neighbor, who thinks he's in India in 1880. There's also Jeeves, the butler, who has a wandering mind. Thrills and chills collide with sidesplitting laughter as the case is surprisingly solved by Detective Porridge.

Characters and Cast

(in order of appearance)

Anaya Gailliard
Shawn Douglas
Kate/Peyton/Arianna
Skylar Gholston
Peyton Pokerwinski
Kalib Douglas
Mercy Gearhart
Emily Shook
Samuel Hardoin
Flint (Ven) Gearhart
Arianna Gailliard
Oliver Ullrich
Mikayla Tamagne
Logan Douglas
Emily Shook
Kate Ullrich
Arianna Gailliard
Kate Ullrich

Act I

Scene 1 - Evening Scene 2 - Next morning

Act II

Scene 1 - Afternoon Scene 2 - Evening



Anaya Gailliard

Hi! My name is Anaya Gailliard, and I have the privilege of playing Rebecca Fitzwilliam. I am a senior this year and this will be my second COVE play. I am so grateful to be able to perform for you all this year. It has been a joy being able to work with so many other great actors and being to display this comedy for you all. I hope you all enjoy the show!!



Oliver Ullrich

Hello! My name is Oliver Ullrich, and I am 17 years old. I have had the privilege of being homeschooled my entire life, and now it is my final year of high school. In this production, I will be playing the role of Detective Bobby. I have thoroughly enjoyed all my time in COVE theater, and I hope that many people will have the same experiences that made me enjoy my high school life. Watching this play come together has been really fun; I hope you enjoy it!



Kalib Douglas

Hello, my name is Kalib Douglas I am 17 years old, and I am in twelfth grade. In this production I play the role of Mark Palegrave. This will be my fourth year in theatre. I enjoy playing baseball, basketball, football, and other sports with friends. I also enjoy singing and playing video games. Theatre has impacted me in so many ways. It has gotten me to make new friends, and has brought me out of my comfort zone. The teachers have helped me to become the actor I am today. I'm so glad to have them as my teachers this past year.



Samuel Hardoin

Hil I'm Sam. I love playing, writing, listening to music, reading scripture, playing video games, and studying languages. This is my eighth and last year doing plays with this group at COVE. It's bittersweet to be done, but I'm happy I've been able to take part in all these years of it happening. Being pushed to grow and expand outside of my comfort zone has been so helpful in my life, and this class is what I have to thank. I am playing Hercules Porridge in this play. "Now if any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly - and it will be given to him. James 1:5 CSB

----- Cast Seniors -----



Flint (Ven) Gearhart

My name is Flint Vengeance Gearhart. I'm a senior student at COVE. I am playing Leon Russel. I'm going to miss high school theater, but I'm excited to build a life for myself.





Arianna Gailliard

Hello, my name is Arianna Gailliard. I am in tenth grade, and this is my second year doing theater at COVE. I enjoy doing art, and of course, theater. I hope you enjoy the show.



Emily Shook

I'm 15 years old and I am in ninth grade. I have done theater for three years. The characters I play are The Delivery Person and The Student. I have enjoyed getting to know everyone and learning more about acting.



Kate Ullrich

Hi, I'm Kate! I'm 15 years old and in tenth grade. I'm playing the role of the "German Nurse", Nurse Payne (please! no jokes). This is my fifth year in theater, but only my second year of high school theater. One of my favorite things about being in theater this year is doing an accent as part of my character.



Logan Douglas

Hi I am Logan. I am 14 I am a freshman in high school. This is my fourth year in theater, and 1st year in high school theater. I will be playing the role of Colonel Chutney. Some things I love to do is play video games, I love to play baseball, and do back flips on the trampoline. I also love going to friends' houses.



Mercy Gearhart

Hi, My name is Mercy Gearhart and I am in tenth grade. I've been coming to COVE for 2 years now, and this is my second production with this theater group. I will be playing the role of Penny Russell. With the time and effort put into this play, I have sincerely enjoyed the time spent with my classmates. I love to act, sing, and play the guitar and piano, but most of all I hope you enjoy the play because we sure did putting it on for you!



Mikayla Tamgane

Hey! My name is Mikayla. I am 16 years old and I'm a sophomore in highschool. This is my third year in COVE's Theater productions, and theater in general. I love my friends and family, along with singing, music, food, and art. My favorite parts of theater involve teamwork and a whole lot of bloopers.



Peyton Pokerwinski

Hi! My name is Peyton Pokerwinski I am 16 and in tenth grade. I am playing Agatha Crispie. This year is my first year at COVE but I love theater, and have been involved in theater for many years. I have really enjoyed this class because... hmmm let me count the ways:I've made lots of new friends; the teachers are amazing and make the class really fun! All the students work really well together and we make a great team!



Shawn Douglas

Hey my name is Shawn Douglas. I'm 16 years old. This is my fourth year in theater. I love making new friends, and being able to perform on stage in front of people. In this production I'll be playing the clueless dumb butler, who never knows what he's doing. I love Cedar Point and roller coasters. I double love sports, especially baseball. I love playing baseball and watching the Detroit Tigers play every game.



Skylar Gholston

Hi! My name is Skylar Gholston. I am 16 and in the tenth grade. In my free time I enjoy writing, drawing, and baking! In this production, I play the role of Fay Strange. This is my second year of theater and I couldn't be happier! Theater is my favorite class! I have met wonderful people this year as well as strengthened the friendships that I had made last year! The whole atmosphere of the class is warm, friendly, and a little silly! We all worked really hard on this play, and I hope you enjoy it! I can't wait to see what we do next!



--- Tech Team -----

Isaac Dobbs

Hey, my name is Isaac, and I'm 15. This is my first year at COVE, and I've really enjoyed my classes. I decided to join theater tech to spend more time with my friends and learn new things. My favorite part of theater tech is the planning, and brain storming with friends to help improve the play.



Jakob Rayfield

Hello my name is Jakob Rayfield I'm 16 years old, and I am a senior in high school. I like to workout and hang out with friends. This is my first year in tech, and I have enjoyed it. I want to thank Mrs. Donna and Ms Rachel for the opportunity to be a part of theater.



Logan Graficz

Hi I am logan Greficz. I am in ninth grade, and I am 15 years old. This is my first year in theater, and the thing I enjoyed the most this year was working with my fellow tech team members

----- Directors -----



Donna Burgess

I have been involved in theater at COVE in various ways for quite a few years, and I am continually amazed and excited to see the growth in these students. This is a great group of students that I have had the honor to direct alongside my daughter, and I am so proud of each of them. I thank you for coming to support our production and hope you enjoy the show



Rachel Burgess

My name is Rachel Burgess, and this is my first year as a co-director! I started in COVE Theater as a student, and after a few years away I rejoined the class in 2021 as an assistant. Working with this year's class has been a joy! Getting to work with each of the students and watch them grow and develop their characters, acting skills, and confidence has been a great privilege.



We want to give thanks:

First and foremost, we give thanks to God. He is the one who enables each one of us to do all that we do – all for His glory!

To our new tech class, thank you for joining us this year. This was a huge learning curve for us, and we hope you learned a lot and had fun. Thank you for your help.

Rachel Burgess thank you for co-directing with me this year, I loved working with you. You brought a fresh perspective. Celeste Kraft, thank you for working with the students; it really made a difference.

Michelle Ullrich thank you for being a lifeline. You have supported us and this class completely and selflessly.

To all the parents and families of the cast: thank you for your support and help this year.

Thank you to all that helped with the set, props, sound, and lighting, I couldn't have don't it without you. Jeff Rayfield, Jeff Hunt, Max Ullrich, Emilee Burgess, McKenna Pokerwinski, Cliff & Linda Kirkwood, Kathryn Burgess, Denise Hardoin, and Oliver Ullrich. Thanks also to my husband Bill for supporting me every step of the way. To Covenant Community Church for allowing us to use their facility for rehearsals and both performances.

Thank YOU for coming to see our performance. We appreciate you taking the time to support us.