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Rivertown Players, Inc.
Lawrenceburg, IN

Agatha Christie's
The Mousetrap



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PRESENTS

THE MOUSETRAP

by
Agatha Christie

with

Rayna Hill
Adam "Fish" Fischer
Tim Carney
Ryan Britton

Hayden Monson
Sandy Schlueter
Jennifer Weitzel
Adam Holhubner

Directed by
Paul Schwartz

Producer
Bev Toon

ACT I

The Great Hall at Monkswell Manor. Late afternoon.

ACT II

The same, ten minutes later.

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CAST

Cast Members

Mollie Ralston Rayna Hill
Giles Ralston Hayden Monson
Christopher Wren Adam "Fish" Fischer
Mrs. Boyle Sandy Schlueter
Major Metcalf Tim Carney
Miss Casewell Jennifer Weitzel
Mr. Paravicini Ryan Britton
Detective Sgt. Trotter Adam Holhubner

Production / Creative

Director Paul Schwartz
Producer Bev Toon
Artistic Director; Scenic Artist Penny Britton

CREW

Crew Members

Set Construction Manager	Kent Smith
Set Construction Manager	Ryan Britton
Set Painter; Sound	Penny Britton
Stage Manager	Maggie Bruening
Props; Publicity; Photographer	Elise Gillespie
Hair; Makeup	Kayci Schmidt
Costumer	Maura Kennedy
Lights	DJ Gillespie

WHO'S WHO



Paul Schwartz

Director

Paul comes to RTP after a 20+ year hiatus from a 20+ year involvement in Community Theater. On and off stage, he worked with several groups throughout greater Cincinnati. His first role as Jud Fry led to an impressive list of lead and minor roles, directing, designing and set construction. Paul does wish, however, he could have avoided all the dancing... he was terrible.

This being his first project with RTP, Paul would like to express his gratitude to the board for entrusting the role as director to him. As he puts it... *"that was a big leap of faith for someone they did not know"*. He also thanks the awesome production team for working hard and putting in long hours to get everything just right. Most importantly, Paul is thankful for his wife Maura. *"There is no way I could have done this without her support and patience"*.



Bev Toon

Producer

Bev is trying her hand at producing in this show. She has served as President of the Board, director of adult and kids shows and the chorus, as costumer, set construction and many other roles. Break a leg to the cast and crew!



Penny Britton

Artistic Director; Scenic Artist

Penny is excited to be back working on another awesome Rivertown Players production! You've seen her work recently in the RTP Jr production of Stone in the Road, last summer's Addams Family the Musical and 9 to 5 the Musical doing everything from set design/ artistry to stage crew to hair/make up/wigs. She also enjoys her role on the Rivertown Players board of directors where she just ran for her third term!

Penny wants to thank her children for being the light in her life and the greatest art she's ever created and her husband Ryan for being the co-creator in her life since day one. Lastly, she encourages everyone to find a creative outlet in life. You don't need to be an actor/tress to be involved in theater, there are so many ways to be involved, just ask!

WHO'S WHO



Rayna Hill

as Mollie Ralston

Rayna is thrilled to be a part of her first show with Rivertown Players. Performance has been a long time passion of hers, and she is thrilled to make the transition from musical theatre to plays. She is very grateful to her family- Ryan and Isabella, for helping her to do this, and to the rest of her family and friends for their enthusiastic support of her passion.



Hayden Monson

as Giles Ralston

Hayden is 24 years old and from Northern Kentucky. He has two boys and a dog. Having always been a huge theater fan, Hayden typically works behind the scenes as a part of crew. He is excited to be working on stage this time around!



Adam "Fish" Fischer

as Christopher Wren

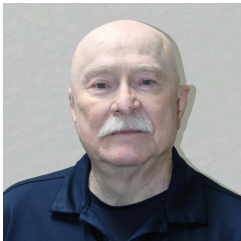
This is Adam "Fish" Fischer's second time taking the stage with Rivertown Players. They performed in 9 to 5 as Frank Enright / Ensemble and worked backstage in The Addams' Family. They would like to thank their friends and family for their love and support and Adam Holhubner for giving them confidence and guidance as an actor.



Sandy Schlueter

as Mrs. Boyle

Sandy is delighted to appear in her first RTP show. She has also appeared in shows with Beechmont Players, Center Stage Players, Fairfield Footlighters, Mariemont Players, The Drama Workshop, Tri County Players and Village Players. Thank you for coming. Enjoy the show!



Tim Carney

as Major Metcalf

Tim is honored to be performing in his first appearance with the Rivertown Players and sharing the stage with this amazing and talented cast. He has performed with the Irish American Theater Company, Cincinnati Landmark Productions, Mariemont Players, Beechmont Players, Sunset Players, Village Players of Fort Thomas and Cincinnati Music Theatre. Tim is also a proud nineteen-year member of the "Friendly Sons of St. Patrick Glee Club".

WHO'S WHO



Jennifer Weitzel

as Miss Casewell

Jennifer Weitzel is thrilled to be joining the Rivertown Players in *The Mousetrap*. She has always loved theatre but doesn't get to do it often. She relocated to this area about 2 years ago and loves exploring with her two spoiled dogs.



Ryan Britton

as Mr. Paravicini

Ryan is more than excited to be portraying Mr. Paravicini in Agatha Christie's *The Mousetrap*. Ryan has performed in many past murder mysteries with Rivertown Players, as well as a few musicals. In addition to acting, Ryan has taken on a lead role in set production as one of the master carpenters for the show. Ryan has wonderful support from his family who all have a love for participating in theater and the arts. Enjoy the show!



Adam Holhubner

as Detective Sgt. Trotter

Adam is a 24 year old communications major out of ECU with a minor in musical theater. Enthusiastic to attend his 3rd production with Rivertown Players. Having taken a hiatus from performance and moving sporadically across Kentucky the past 2 years, he is extremely grateful for a chance to do his 2nd murder mystery with Rivertown for his return back to the stage, and with a role as significant as Sergeant Trotter, no less.

Adam would like to thank his parents for their constant shelter and support, his dear friend Adam Fischer for urging him to audition, his soon-to-be-born niece Penny Holhubner for giving him something bright to look forward to, and, of course, his dotting girlfriend Ellie Keenan for stoking his artistic flame and passions from across the globe.

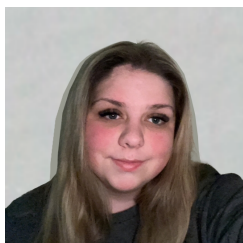
CREW WHO'S WHO



Kent Smith

Set Construction Manager

Kent has a B.A. in music with a theatre minor. He is a multiple Orchid winner both on stage for acting, music performance and music direction and also for set building at many theaters in ACT Cincinnati. He recently was awarded the Mario Pitocco Award and The Spirit of Community Theatre award. Kent was last seen on stage at The Drama Workshop's production of Dear World.



Maggie Bruening

Stage Manager

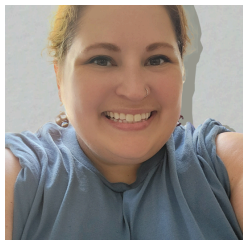
Maggie is thrilled to be joining Rivertown Players again, for the fourth time! Maggie very much enjoys working with kids! She is a preschool teacher and serves on the Rivertown Players Board of Directors as the chairperson for RTP Jr. Maggie hopes you enjoy the show!



Elise Gillespie

Props; Publicity; Photographer

Elise is a current board member for Rivertown Players, serving as their social media coordinator. This is her second show with RTP. When she's not involving herself in theater, Elise is a Senior IoT Developer who enjoys reading, painting, and gaming in her free time. She'd like to wish the cast and other crew members good luck - they have done an amazing job!



Kayci Schmidt

Hair; Makeup

Kayci has been involved in theatre for 30+ years and hopes for at least 30 more. She is currently serving her second term on the board of directors for RTP. During the day, Kayci is an ASD paraeducator at Stephens Elementary School in Burlington, KY. She is excited to be a part of the Mousetrapp team, and hopes you enjoy the show.



Maura Kennedy

Costumer

This is Maura's first time ever in a community theater production. She wanted to handle costumes for this show because she said that costuming is the one part of movies and programs that she enjoys most, especially period pieces. When we asked Maura if she felt any pressure from her husband to do costumes, she whispered "yes"... her husband is our director!





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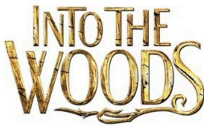
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- Gillman Home Center for providing us with a gift card to support purchasing of necessary electrical parts
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- Beth Ann Bruening for providing hors d'oeuvres
- Special thanks to those in our cast/crew who assisted with set building, especially Ryan Britton (Mr. Paravicini; Set Construction Manager) and Kent Smith (Set Construction Manager) who were crucial in our set construction, and Penny Britton (Set Painter; Lights; Sound) who learned lights/sound on top of spending hours painting our beautiful set.



END NOTES

Notes from the Director

Welcome to Monkswell Manor;

From the start of my involvement in this production, it was my goal to create a stage that would cause you to forget your surroundings, leave your current life behind by traveling back to the 1950's and getting entangled in a real "who done it" mystery. The script gave us a basic foot print for our stage, but with hours of design work and creative input from our set construction crew and our scenic artist, we arrived at the stage you see today. I hope you approve.

Aside from providing wholesome entertainment to the southeast Indiana area for over 40 yrs. Rivertown Players, Inc. has been giving local actors and production crews the opportunity to share their gifts of acting, singing and dancing. This cast is a diverse group of actors from all around the tristate, as well as a transplant from California and one from Indianapolis. It spans a couple generations in ages from very young twenties to late sixties. One of our cast has never been on stage before, and one has never had a lead role. I challenge you to single them out. They, as well as the balance of the cast, have created characters that will make you wonder which one of them is the killer.

From our cast, crew, and staff: thank you for attending our performance. We hope you enjoy Agatha Christie's "The Mousetrap"