

# THE MOUSETRAP

SHOW + AUDITION INFORMATION

## Audition Dates + Times

JULY 29<sup>th</sup> – 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

JULY 30<sup>th</sup> – 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.

## Location

Chillicothe Civic Theatre

83 S. Walnut St.

Chillicothe, OH 45601

## SUMMARY of THE MOUSETRAP

After a local woman is murdered, the guests and staff at Monkswell Manor find themselves stranded during a snowstorm. It soon becomes clear that the killer is among them, and the seven strangers grow increasingly suspicious of one another. A police detective, arriving on skis, interrogates the suspects: the newlyweds running the house; a spinster with a curious background; an architect who seems better equipped to be a chef; a retired Army major; a strange little man who claims his car has overturned in a drift; and a jurist who makes life miserable for everyone. When a second murder takes place, tensions and fears escalate. This record-breaking murder mystery features a brilliant surprise finish from Dame Agatha Christie, the foremost mystery writer of her time.

## CAST LIST

**MOLLIE RALSTON** –A newlywed who has inherited Monkswell Manor and has opened it as a guesthouse with her husband. A hospitable and warm, if slightly naive, hostess and cook.

**GILES RALSTON** – The more cautious proprietor of Monkswell Manor. Supportive of his wife, but less thrilled to run a guesthouse. A traditional gentleman who's quick to judge his guests.

**CHRISTOPHER WREN** – A young architect with a flamboyant and often inappropriate sense of humor. His energetic conversation can appear both lighthearted and sinister.

**MRS. BOYLE** – A retiree whose acerbic tone makes her a challenging guest. Strong-willed and uncompromising, with high expectations. Pleased only when expressing disappointment.

**MAJOR METCALF** – An affable guest who is willing to help his hosts cope with the consequences of the snowstorm. Retired from the army, steady and calm in the face of conflict.

**MISS CASEWELL** – A modern and somewhat aloof young woman travelling on business. Unwilling to discuss private matters and disinterested in the opinion of her fellow guests.

**MR. PARAVICINI** – A roguish gentleman who is not forthcoming about his reasons for being there. Delights in the guests' uncertainty and pays particular attention to his hostess, Mollie.

**DETECTIVE SGT. TROTTER** – The young detective assigned to reach Monkswell Manor and report on the situation as it unfolds. Determined and authoritative in his pursuit of the truth.