



Murder Inn

You'll laugh until you die...



By Howard Volland & Keith McGregor

April 5-6 & 12-13 7:30pm / April 7 & 14 2pm

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The journey to today's performance has been an enjoyable process, a true labor of love, and we are thrilled to present this interpretation to the (Decatur-area) world. The denizens of Theatre 7 wanted to film a behind-the-scenes reality show of what happens when a married couple directs together, but we did not provide as much real-life entertainment as they expected (hoped for): We've not only refrained from enacting our own creative murder scenes, but also vocally relished the experience.



Murder Inn collects many familiar tropes from classic murder mysteries, some of which audience members may remember from prior Theatre 7 productions; *Murder Inn* elevates these aspects as a true dramedy. However, we hope that, underneath, you recognize the joy these actors bring to their crafts: they love what they do, making rehearsals fly by and the development of the production a truly jubilant and exciting venture, words probably not often attributed to murder and intrigue!

We would like to recognize T7's collection of dedicated actors, technicians, and production personnel; everyone, particularly our Assistant Director/Stage Manager April Higgs, provided vast levels of professionalism and support for our first foray into directing with this organization. However, we may not direct together for another season: David is eager to tread the boards once more, and Vicky has her eye on continuing to assist in the directorial sphere. Who knows, if we end up working on the same production, maybe we'll provide that hoped-for real-life entertainment after all!

- Mr. David E. Gilpin, Dr. Vicky Gilpin

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ACT I

The Barnsley Inn

Scene 1: Late afternoon
Scene 2: After dinner

15 MINUTE INTERMISSION

ACT II

Scene 1: Minutes later
Scene 2: Several hours later
Scene 3: Minutes later
Scene 4: Minutes later
Scene 5: Late that night



NOTE!!! A prop gunshot effect is used in this show.

Please be considerate of the actors and fellow audience members and silence your phones.



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CAST & CREW

Jake Talbot.....	Dillon Bethard
Martha Talbot.....	Cynthia Hinkle
Agnes Tate.....	Lacey Willfong
Carolyn Pickett.....	Chloe Jancosek*
Ellen Halsey.....	Sydne Miller*
Muriel Lampmann.....	Tiffany Reed*
Patricia Simpson.....	Keyari Page*
Todd Currier.....	Rex Colgrove
Lawrence Currier.....	Tom Morrow*
Grace Sharp.....	RuthAnn Holmes
Doris Brooks.....	Mary Wilking
Donald Schultz.....	Brock Hayden

**New to Theatre 7*

Directors.....	David & Vicky Gilpin
Assistant Director & Stage Manager.....	April Higgs
Assistant Stage Manger.....	Christine Hoving
Producers.....	Emily Steele & Kathy Zientara
Costumes.....	Dina Fryman, Cheryl Laskowski, Lyn Stevens
Set Design/Construction.....	Scott Magruder
Painting/Design.....	Joe Beggin, Will Harris, Scott Magruder
Props.....	Brian Haubner
Sound.....	Jim Stevens
House Manager.....	Kathy Zientara
Lobby Display.....	Tanya Haubner

Theatre 7 Board of Directors: President, Kathy Zientara; Treasurer, Tanya Haubner; Secretary, April Higgs; Past President, Dina Fryman; Building, Scott Magruder; Marketing, Emily Steele

Special thanks to the Decatur Area Habitat for Humanity for providing the chandelier.



April Higgs - April has been working with Theatre 7 in many different capacities for almost four years now and is very excited to be returning to the stage manager role for this show. She would like to thank her wonderful family for their love and support, especially her husband Elliott and son William.



Dillon Bethard - Dillon has been involved in the community theatre scene in Decatur for nine years. He is on the Board of Directors for Mid-Summer Moon Productions and has been with Decatur Underground Theatre since its inception in 2010. His recent roles include assistant director and the part of Joseph Pulitzer in *Newsies*, Henry Higgins in *My Fair Lady*, and the Steward in *Into The Woods*.



Cynthia Boland Hinkle – Cynthia has been with Theatre 7 for 21 years and has had the privilege of being in productions such as *Anything Goes*, *You Can't Take It With You*, *Music Man* and a variety of fundraisers and is a member of Starlight Dinner Theatre. Cynthia would like to thank her father, Richard Boland, for putting up with her transformation into a “cantankerous” Martha!



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Lacey Willfong – This is Lacey's second show with Theatre 7, and she had a blast bringing this character to life. Lacey has been seen in various shows and TV appearances and, most of the time, at the Decatur Athletic Club. She would love to thank her husband, Tom, and children, Caleb and Mikenna, for their support during the show.



Chloe Jancosek – Chloe is excited to step onto Theatre 7's stage. Previous credits include Mabel in *Pirates of Penzance*, Olive in *25th Annual Spelling Bee*, and Heather Mac in *Heathers*. Her professional credits include playing Klara in *Heidi* at Provision Theatre in Chicago. She would like to thank her family, cast, and crew for this experience.



Sydne Miller – Sydne was born in Decatur and raised in Clinton. She was active in sports and band at Clinton Community High School. She attended the St. Louis College of Pharmacy, graduating Magna Cum Laude and earning her Doctorate. She lives in Clinton with her fiancé and two dogs. She works at a pharmacy in Decatur.



Tiffany Reed – Tiffany has been involved in productions since high school. She's acted in eight shows and has been the make-up artist for five productions. Her favorite role so far has been Aaron Burr in an interpretation of *Hamilton*. She's studying at Richland Community College to get her degree in Sign Language with a minor in Theatre. Remember, it's pronounced "wee-juh" not "wee-jee!"



Keyari L. Page - Keyari attends Richland Community College where she is Media Club President, Black Student Association Communications Director and Student Government Association Vice President. She is a journalist for "The Chambers Publication" and part of the Black Chamber of Commerce. She would like to pursue a Master's degree in Journalism and continue being an activist in Decatur.



Rex Oliver Colgrove – Rex is a high school chemistry teacher at Cerro Gordo. He has helped backstage with the school musicals and plays for two years. This is his first time on stage as a performer.



Tom Morrow – A native Oklahoman, Tom began his theater experience while teaching at Carl Albert Junior College. He was in *Our Town*, *Bye, Bye, Birdie*, and *Waiting for Godot*, among others. At Richland Community College, he was in *MacBeth*, *Hotel d'Amore*, and *The Complete Works of Shakespeare (abridged)* and other plays. Tom is retired, playing golf and acting occasionally.



RuthAnn Holmes – RuthAnn has been with Theatre 7 since 2010. She has served on the board as well as serving as house manager, stage crew, and prop master. Some of her favorite shows are *Blithe Spirit*, *Hallelujah Girls* and *The Last Round-up of the Guacamole Queens*. Oh boy, has this show been fun to work on! Thanks, Jim for your love and support. T.T. – this one's for you, my dear friend!



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Mary Wilking – Mary was last seen in *Farce of Nature*. Mary is glad to again be treading the boards. When not in front of the curtain, she can be found “playing” in the costume shop. A tremendous “thank you” to the cast and crew for all the memories.



Brock Hayden - An alumnus of Millikin University’s School of Theatre and Dance, Brock is excited to be back on the Theatre 7 stage. Brock was most recently seen in T7’s fall production of *Young Frankenstein* as Inspector Kemp. Brock has also appeared in *Follies* (Rosco), *And Then There Were None* (Marston), and *Clue: The Musical* (Prof. Plum). He hopes you will like Donald as much as he does. Get ready for murder and mystery! Watch out for knives! Oh boy.



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