

Thursday to Sunday

November 4<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021

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Based on the screenplay by Jonathan Lynn
Written by Sandy Rustin
Additional material by Hunter Foster and Eric Price
Based on the Paramount Pictures Motion Picture
Based on the Hasbro board game Clue

## Directed by **Jocelyn LeBlanc**Produced by **Trevena Trimmer**

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#### President's Message



#### Welcome to Bedford Players' 2021-2022 Grand Reopening Season!

After being on a "pandemic pause" for almost 2 years, we are thrilled to once again be able to offer you top-notch community theatre! Rest assured that we are adhering to all current provincial COVID protocols and have enhanced safety measures in place for your

protection as you attend our shows.

In our fall production of *Clue* by Jonathan Lynn, Sandy Rustin, Hunter Foster and Eric Price, the familiar characters from the classic board game have been invited to what has been described as "a meal with murder and blackmail on the menu"! Stir in dead bodies, mistaken identities, lots of improbable incidents and farcical action, and you have the makings of a funfilled evening of laughter and great entertainment.

Huge thanks to everyone who helped to make this production happen. We greatly value our volunteers. You are all amazing! Last, Also a big thank you to **you**, our patrons, for coming to this performance. Your support as we reopen our theatre means everything to us! Enjoy the show! - Elaine Melanson



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#### Director's Message



I am absolutely delighted we can once again gather to share and tell stories. For me, *Clue* is the perfect reintroduction of live theatre. Its fast-paced antics should help shake out those COVID cobwebs and remind us that there are nice reasons to leave the house! *Clue* is a fun show full of suspicion, deceit, and of course, murder! One of the challenges of directing such a well-known piece is making sure audiences get enough

of these iconic characters, while allowing the actors the freedom to grow and give the production its own identity. Luckily, we live in a city where we have the acting talent needed to accomplish this!

A special thank you to the Bedford Players Executive for asking me to direct, and to all the volunteers (and their countless hours) that made this tricky set come to life!

And now the line I've waited more than 20 months to say:

Enjoy the show! - Jocelyn LeBlanc



#### The Place and Time

Time: 1954 New England

Place: The secluded Boddy mansion

#### The Cast

Wadsworth	Jay Fisher
Yvette	Ashley Groves
Miss Scarlet	Megan Macpherson
Mrs. Peacock	Alicia Browne
Mrs. White	Sandrella Mohanna
Colonel Mustard	Michael Stack
Professor Plum	Bryn Rowlands
Mr. Green	Justin Mozel
Cook/Singing Telegram Girl/Chief of P	olice Michele Gaudet
Mr. Boddy/Chief of Police	Jim Petrie
The Motorist/Chief of PoliceAn	nanda Willmore/Alex Smith
The Cop	Randy Burt





Jay Fisher (Wadsworth) - Welcome to Boddy Manor. Wipe your feet. Enjoy the show!

More about Jay—

Most recent show: Anything Goes!

Favourite Show: Closer,

Favourite board game: Betrayal



Ashley Groves (Yvette) - Ashley is excited to be stepping out from behind the tech table and onto the stage for the first time in years. She's an event planner and is looking forward to exploring her new home here in Nova Scotia.

More about Ashley—

Most recent show: The Silent Goodbye

Favourite show: Once Upon a Mattress

Favourite board game: Scrabble

#### The Cast



Megan Macpherson (Miss Scarlet) - Megan is originally from London, Ontario and became a Haligonian in 2019 when she came to Dalhousie University to complete a Master's program. She enjoys all the beauty Nova Scotia has to offer year-round and is very excited to be back to performing with such a great group of people.

More about Megan—

Most recent show: The Little Mermaid

Favourite show: Rent



Alicia Browne (Mrs. Peacock) - When not on stage, Alicia spends her time SUPing in the summer, snowshoeing in the winter and adventuring with her supportive partner Todd and her favourite beagles Dixie and Dexter.

More about Alicia-

Most recent show: TAG's 2018 production of

Stepping Out

Favourite show: also Stepping Out because of

the comedic timing

Favourite board game: Clue, and Banana

Matcho



Sandrella Mohanna (Mrs. White) - Sandrella recently finished up filming in Winnipeg on the dual-language (Arabic/English) independent movie *Polarized*. A lover of languages and culture, Sandrella holds a BA in French and Spanish from Dalhousie University and has lived and travelled abroad extensively. She is excited to be portraying Mrs. White and has had fun exploring and playing this character.

More about Sandrella—

Most recent show: This is her first time on

stage since high school!

Favourite Show: any comedy

Favourite board game: Clue, and Life

Michael Stack (Colonel Mustard) - Michael enjoys film, photography and spending his days with the cats at the shelter where he works as a Communication Coordinator. He is excited to be back to live theatre in the role of Colonel Mustard.

More about Michael—

Most recent show: Bedford Players' Bank

Withdrawal Symptoms

Favourite show: DIY Surgery at Dartmouth

Players

Favourite board game: Pandemic



**Bryn Rowlands (Professor Plum)** - Bryn is happy to be back on stage for the 35th time in this zany romp with this great cast and crew. He directed Bedford Players' last pre-pandemic show, *Jitters*.

More about Bryn—

Most recent show: BP's Bank Withdrawal

Symptoms

Favourite show: Dartmouth Players' *Don't Dress* for *Dinner*, in which he played the role of Bernard.

Favourite board game: Trivial Pursuit



Justin Mozel (Mr. Green) - Born in London, Ontario, raised in small town Saskatchewan, Justin lives his life as a small town country boy desperately trying not to come off as a small town country boy. He spends most of his time not taking life too seriously, travelling, playing games, and occasionally writing something he thinks is entertaining. It's been too long since he's been on stage and is very excited to be playing Mr. Green in BP's production of *Clue*!

More about Justin-

Most recent show: *Marjorie Prime* playing Walter Prime Favourite show: *Arsenic & Old Lace* playing Jonathan Brewster

Favourite board game: Does Dungeons & Dragons count as a board game?



#### The Cast



Michele Gaudet (Cook, Singing Telegram Girl/ Chief of Police) - Enjoy the show!

More about Michele—

Most recent role: Sally the bank teller in BP's Bank

Withdrawal Symptoms

Favourite role: Martha Brewster in BP's Arsenic &

Old Lace in 2014

Favourite board game: Poetry for Neanderthals



Jim Petrie (Mr. Boddy/Chief of Police) - Jim's love of theatre started with a musical called *Walking Happy* in 2006. He can't play an instrument and sings like a rusty hinge, but the director said, "We need a man your age for the part and you're it. When the singing starts in the Ensemble, buddy, just move your lips!" Jim has gone on to act in 14 other plays since then.

More about Jim-

Most recent show: A Fine Monster You Are! at BP

in 2019.

Favourite show: BP's Rumors in 2018

Favourite board game: Clue, ever since the 1970s



Amanda Willmore (The Motorist/Chief of Police)
Nov. 4th to 11th—

Amanda is excited to be in this production of *Clue*. A regular at Bedford Players, Amanda has been in the cast of three productions— *Cocktails with Mimi, A Fine Monster You Are!* and *Bank Withdrawal Symptoms*.

More about Amanda—

Most recent show: BP's Bank Withdrawal

Symptoms

Favourite show: Bank Withdrawal Symptoms Favourite board game: Clue of course, and

Monopoly

#### Alex Smith (The Motorist/Chief of Police) November 12th to 20th—

Alex is pleased to be back on stage with Bedford Players! He has been in the cast of three BP productions—Sex Please, We're Sixty, Rumors and Habit of Murder.

More about Alex—

Most recent show: *Habit of Murder*Favourite show: *Sex Please, We're Sixty*Favourite board game: Trivial Pursuit



Randy Burt (Cop) - Originally from Stephenville, NL, Randy is thrilled to be performing with Bedford Players for the first time. Randy has been acting in both community and professional theatre since 2006, as well as in over 50 short films for College of the North Atlantic's Digital Filmmaking Program.

More about Randy—

Most recent show: A Christmas Carol in 2019 as

Scrooge

Favourite show: A Gentleman and a Scoundrel

Favourite board game: Trivial Pursuit



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#### The Creative Team

Jocelyn LeBlanc (Director) - Though no stranger to community theatre (past acting credits include Same Time, Next Year (Doris, TAG), Pride and Prejudice (Charlotte Lucas, TAG), and various characters in Dartmouth Players' The Dining Room), this is Jocelyn's first play with Bedford Players, and what a show to start with! It's her 4th time as a director of theatre (Stepping Out (TAG '18), Butterscotch Palace (Halifax Fringe '16). Prior to 2016, it was all short films and corporate video. Clue has been a whirlwind of



creation and collaboration! Jocelyn hopes you enjoy this wild romp as it takes you through murder, suspicion, and murder again...and again....!

More about Jocelyn-

Most recent show: Fish Tank (Fringe 2019)

Favourite show: 2-way tie: Stepping Out and Same Time, Next Year Favourite board game: 3-way tie: Clue, The Game of Life, and Ratrace!

**Leslie Monteyne (Assistant Director)** - Leslie is thrilled to be back in the theatre after a 14-year hiatus. Originally from Ontario, Leslie relocated to Nova Scotia in 2018 and is loving life in this beautiful province.



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More about Leslie—

Most recent show: Agatha Christie's Black Coffee

Favourite show: Cabaret

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#### The Creative Team



**Trevena Trimmer (Producer)** - A newcomer to Bedford Players, Trevena fearlessly dove in headfirst, taking on the role of Production Manager (aka Madam Producer) for *Clue*. She has loved watching the show take shape!

More about Trevena—

Most recent show: The Viola Desmond Story

Favourite show : The Color Purple Favourite board game: Triominos



Barbara Cowan (Stage Manager) - Barbara has been a regular around Bedford Players for several years now, having taken on the task of Stage Manager for many productions, including BP's *Jitters* in March 2020. Barbara has also been a valued member of Bedford Players' Executive Committee. For her, the cast and crew of *Clue* have been terrific to work with, and she thanks Jocelyn for spurring everyone to do their best.

More about Barbara—

Favourite show: BP's 2020 production of Jitters

Favourite board game: Scrabble



Austin Hiscock (Assistant Stage Manager) - Austin is a high school student from Lower Sackville. This is his first community theatre production, and he's more than excited to be with Bedford Players!

More about Austin—

Most recent show: Into the Woods Junior with

Maritime Theatre School

Favourite show: Finding Neverland Favourite board game: Labyrinth

#### Creative Team Leads

Director	Jocelyn LeBlanc
Assistant Director	Leslie Monteyne
Stage Manager	Barbara Cowan
Assistant Stage Manager	Austin Hiscock
Light & Sound Design	Stephen Melanson
Set Construction & Painting	Stephen Melanson
Set Dressing & Props	Amanda Willmore
Wardrobe	Katie Keeling
Hair & Make-Up	Alexandra French
Pre-show video	Stephen Melanson, Elaine Melanson



#### Administration Team Leads

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	Michele Gaudet
Producer	Trevena Trimmer
Technical Director	Stephen Melanson
Ticketing Liaison	Alexander MacDougall
Publicity & Sponsorship	Michael Stack, Katie Keeling
Front of House	Pat Brinton
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	Stephen Melanson
Website	Alexander MacDougall
Covid-19 Protocols	Trevena Trimmer, Elaine Melanson

#### **Production Volunteers**

# Front of House Ryan Campbell Sharon Costey Linda Goldwater Lillian Goyan Rose Anne Kennedy Joyce MacDonald Janis Marchand Mark McCracken Jayne McLeod Ann Merritt Kandy Simpson Karen Tobin Sandy van der Made Leo Weinger

### Set Construction and Painting

Sarah Jane Baskin
Alicia Braganza
Noah Braganza
Ethan Braganza
Michele Gaudet
Alan Hollett
Jocelyn LeBlanc
Megan Macpherson
Elaine Melanson
Pat Monahan
Bryn Rowlands
Beth Spratt
Amanda Willmore

#### **Hair and Make-up** Alexandra French

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Noah Braganza Ethan Braganza

## **Transportation**Bruce Colburne Barry Matthews

**Pianist**Jane McLaren

#### **Sound Recording**Stephen Melanson

#### Set Dressing & Props Michele Gaudet Trevena Trimmer Amanda Willmore

## Voice Recordings David Bannerman Costas Halavrezos

And others whose names may have been omitted due to publishing deadlines. THANK YOU,

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#### Fun Facts about Clue, the board game

- 1. *Clue* was invented in Britain during World War II by Anthony Pratt, a British munitions factory worker, as a way to pass the time during air raids.
- 2. *Clue* wasn't always called *Clue*. Pratt named it *Cluedo*, a combination of the word *clue* and *Ludo*, a 19th century board game which means "I play". When *Cluedo* came to North America, its name was shortened to *Clue*.
- 3. **Early versions of** *Clue* **had different weapons**. In Pratt's version, the weapons were an ax, a cudgel (stick), a small bomb, a rope, a dagger, a revolver, a hypodermic needle, poison, and a fireplace poker.
- 4. *Clue's* Colonel Mustard was originally named Colonel Yellow. Pratt listed 10 characters in the original game: Dr. Black, Mr. Brown, Mr. Gold, the Reverend Mr. Green, Miss Grey, Professor Plum, Miss Scarlett, Nurse White, Mrs. Silver, and Colonel Yellow. Since the word *yellow* is military slang for cowardly, Pratt was later persuaded to change the name to Colonel Mustard.
- 5. *Cluedo* was a hit British game show. In 1990, *Cluedo* was adapted into a game show in which 2 teams of celebrities would watch as guest performers in character related clues about the murder. The show ran for 4 seasons.
- 6. There was a *Clue* musical. *Clue: The Musical* opened in Baltimore in 1995 and featured some of the tortured relationships between the characters that led to the nightly murder of Mr. Boddy. The musical was performed in more than 500 cities around the world.
- 7. Clue got a makeover in 2008. Hasbro Games (which owns Parker Brothers, the company that originally brought Clue to North America) decided to update the game to reflect more contemporary themes. The murder takes place at a celebrity party, Colonel Mustard became a football hero and Professor Plum became a dot-com billionaire. Some weapons disappeared while 3 new ones were added: a trophy, an ax, and a baseball bat.
- **8.** *Clue* **killed off Mrs. White.** In 2016, Hasbro decided to kill off Mrs. White in favour of a new character, Doctor Orchid. It was the first time a character from the game had ever been "permanently retired".

Adapted from https://www.mentalfloss.com/article/586055/clue-game-facts. Accessed Sept. 30, 2021.

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