



*Agatha
Christie's*

**Witness
For The
Prosecution**

**Tell the truth ...
... hang the
consequences**

**Wimborne Drama
Directed by David Pile**

Wimborne Drama's
next production

STEEL
MAGNOLIAS

by Robert Harling

22nd – 24th October

7:30 pm Thursday – Friday £8
2:30 pm Saturday Matinee £7

Tivoli Theatre Wimborne
01202 885566

*Buy 10 tickets get 1 free
on all performances*

Director's Notes

Some might ask why Agatha Christie? Why attempt a play set in the 1950s with completely different social values and mores to that of the modern generation?

Well to me it is precisely because of this perceived more gentle time. Because it allows us escape to a world which, although it probably never truly existed in reality, gives us a chance to relax and enjoy a mystery. And this play, with its many twists and turns, is a true example of Agatha Christie's power to surprise.

The demands of putting on this play are somewhat challenging, with a large cast and the fairly daunting problem of either building a full scale replica courtroom, with all its attendant costs, or of having a completely minimalist set and relying on the audience's imagination to a great degree. Hopefully I have struck a balance between the two, and shortly you will be able to judge for yourself.

The play was adapted by Christie from her own short story. She was persuaded, somewhat against her will, to make it into a courtroom drama, and transformed it in less than three weeks into the play you see today. It opened in October 1953 and Christie said it was, "The one night at the theatre that will always stand out in my memory."

It ran for 468 performances in London, crossed to the US and played for 645 performances on Broadway, where it won an award for best foreign play. In 1957 it was given the Hollywood treatment in Billy Wilder's unforgettable film.

In our production I have a marvellous cast who have worked very hard to make this an enjoyable evening for you all. I hope their work will be crowned with success, and that you will enjoy watching as much as I have enjoyed directing.

David Pile

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THE CAST

Carter	Barry Baynton
Greta	Michaela Slatford
Leonard Vole	Paul Dodman
John Mayhew	Richard Neal
Sir Wilfred Robarts	Jeremy Austin
Inspector Hearne	Graham Hawkins
Romaine Vole	Penny Pearson
Mr Myers QC	Michael Smith
Clerk	Bob Hucklesby
Foreman of Jury	Steve Symonds
Warder	Mark Ellen
Mr Justice Wainwright	John Bruton
Dr Wyatt	Colin Pile
Janet MacKenzie	Chrissie Neal
Mr Clegg	Andy Cragg
The Other Woman	Michaela Slatford
Jurors ...	Carol Bruton
Caroline Butcher	Joan Higgins
Jan Stevenson	Jane Robbins
Barristers ...	
Keeley Campbell	Carolyn Hewitt
Detective	Andy Cragg

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BACKSTAGE

Director	David Pile
Stage Manager	Phylis Spencer
ASMs ...	Toni Bowen
David Brown	Matt Gill
Verena Smith	Greg Verver
Costumes	Carolyn Hewitt
Prompt	Carol Bruton
Set Design / Sound	Colin Pile
Set Construction	Mark Ellen
Photo	Tony Feltham
Transport	Steve Symonds

Thanks to:

The Tivoli Theatre production team for lighting and technical assistance

Members of Wimborne Drama for help with set construction, properties, programmes etc.

Join Us...

Wimborne Drama stages three productions each year. We always welcome new members, with or without previous experience. As well as those with a liking for acting or directing, people with a keen interest in the less glamorous, but equally valuable, backstage roles (set construction, properties, make-up etc) are very warmly welcomed into our group.

We meet on the last Thursday of the month to discuss forthcoming productions, events and other business matters. Rehearsals are usually on Monday and Wednesday evenings. Membership costs £30 per year or £15 for juniors (under 16).

On the other hand, if you prefer to be front of house enjoying a good night out, you might like to become a Patron. For a minimum donation of only £30 per year, patrons of Wimborne Drama enjoy a number of privileges including:

- A free ticket to each Wimborne Drama production
- Notification of plays and priority booking service
- A quarterly newsletter to keep you up-to-date with Wimborne Drama news
- A free theatre programme for each production
- An invitation to join the cast and crew for drinks and nibbles after Friday night performances
- Invitations to other events throughout the year

If you would like further information, please ring 01202 885659, to speak to our Community Manager Boo. Or you can e-mail:us at communitymanager@wimboredrama.co.uk, or visit our website at: www.wimboredrama.co.uk

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Wimborne Drama 2010

The Hound of the Baskervilles

**by Arthur Conan Doyle
Adapted by Clive Francis
11th - 13th February**

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