

# Agatha Christie's A MURDER IS ANNOUNCED

Adapted for the stage by **Leslie Darbon**

Directed by **Peter Brooks**

## CAST

(in order of appearance)

|                    |                               |
|--------------------|-------------------------------|
| Julia Simmons      | <b>Brianna Macpherson</b>     |
| Letitia Blacklock  | <b>Christine Morton</b>       |
| Dora Bunner        | <b>Sylvia Griffiths</b>       |
| Patrick Simmons    | <b>Andy Murton</b>            |
| Mitzi              | <b>Lynn Halliday</b>          |
| Miss Marple        | <b>Doreen Slater</b>          |
| Phillipa Haynes    | <b>Debbie Fisher</b>          |
| Mrs. Swettenham    | <b>Alison Howell-Padfield</b> |
| Edmund Swettenham  | <b>Owain Griffiths</b>        |
| Rudi Shertz        | <b>John Pyne</b>              |
| Inspector Craddock | <b>David Vincent</b>          |
| Sergeant Mellors   | <b>Stephen Burns</b>          |

## Synopsis of Scenes

The action takes place in the two drawing-rooms in an early Victorian house in Chipping Cleghorn which have been made into one room.

**Time - Agatha Christie time**

**ACT 1 Scene 1** The morning of Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>.  
**Scene 2** 6.10 pm. The same day  
**Scene 3** The following Saturday morning

**ACT 2 Scene 1** The following Sunday afternoon  
**Scene 2** The following Monday morning  
**Scene 3** 6 p.m. the same day

The "announcement" is in the local newspaper, stating the time of a murder to occur at Miss Blacklock's house, Little Paddocks in Chipping Cleghorn. However, the victim is not one of the several occupants, but an unexpected and unknown visitor. What follows is a classic Christie puzzle with Miss Marple on hand to provide the final solution. Peter Brooks directs a fine cast, including some faces new to the Salon, Debbie Fisher and Alison Howell-

Padfield. Welcome back on stage to Doreen Slater in the guise of Miss Marple. This tight thriller, with more than a touch of humour should keep you guessing right up to the final curtain.

"A Murder is Announced" was first seen on the London stage in the 1970's at the Vaudeville Theatre, where it ran for quite some time. There have also been a number of very successful filmed versions. In fact, in 1956 "A Murder is Announced" claims to be the first Marple to be filmed. What a cast....Jessica Tandy playing Miss Blacklock, and with Miss Marple, believe it or not, played by Gracie Fields with a very young, handsome Roger Moore as Patrick Simmons.

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Siân Hopkins

& Cast

Chris Cottrell

Sarah-Jane Gale

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John Gale

Peter Brooks

Mike Naylor

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