



Richmond Shakespeare Society

AUDITION NOTICE

The Unexpected Guest

by Agatha Christie

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Reading: Monday, 19th August at 7.45p.m. at the Mary Wallace Theatre

Auditions: Monday, 2nd September at 7.45p.m. at the Theatre
Registration at 7pm.

Playing dates: Saturday, 7th December 2024 - Saturday, 14th December 2024

Rehearsals: Starting Sunday, 22nd September 2024
(and from then on - Tuesday, Thursday, Friday evenings & Sunday afternoons).
Rehearsals will take place in the vicinity of the theatre.

AUDITIONS ARE OPEN TO ALL. The RSS actively encourages diversity in casting and casting decisions will *not* be constrained by the perceived gender or ethnicity of the roles being auditioned, unless specified by the author.

A two-act play from Agatha Christie. Set in Llangelert House, South Wales, near the Bristol Channel. A man lost in the fog and a woman holding a smoking gun with a body leads to a tangled web of lies, family secrets and ghosts from the past. Any one of them could have done it.

Characters

Richard Warwick: Dead in a wheelchair onstage in Act 1 scene 1 (doubled with either Inspector Thomas or Julian Farrar).

Laura Warwick: Intelligent younger wife of Richard Warwick.

Michael Starkwedder: The “unexpected guest”, fit and described as a “man of action”.

Miss Bennett (Benny): Housekeeper/secretary to Richard Warwick, apparently devoted to him.

Jan Warwick: Younger stepbrother to Richard Warwick, described in 1950’s terms as “slow” but not lacking intelligence.

Mrs Warwick: Mother to Richard & Jan Warwick, commanding personality.

Henry Angell: Attendant/valet to Richard Warwick, looking out for the main chance.

Sergeant Cadwallader: Local Police Sergeant, loves poetry, Welsh accent.

Inspector Thomas: Older than Sergeant Cadwallader, jaded and with a sarcastic nature.

Julian Farrar: Politician - having an affair with Laura Warwick.

Audition Pieces

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