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Agatha Christie
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Celebrating Agatha Christie's
125th Birthday

MURDER ON THE PHILE

THURS 20th AUG - SAT 29th AUG 7.30pm

Matinee 2.30pm - SAT 20th AUG & SAT 29th AUG

DEATH ON THE PHILE

SATURDAY 22nd AUGUST 11.30am

AFTERNOON AT THE SEASIDE

MON 24th AUG - Fri 28th AUG 1.10pm



MURDER ON THE FILE

CAST

CHRISTINA
SIMON MOSTYN
KATE MOSTYN
JAQUELINE
MISS FFOLIOT-FFOULKES
MCNAUGHT
DR BESSNER
SMITH
STEWARD
CANON PENNE-FATHER
LOUISE
1st BEADSELLER
2nd BEADSELLER
3rd BEADSELLER

Kirsty Harrison
Chris Neal
Elizabeth (Bob) Stothers
Laura Landamore
Julie Benfield
Steve Goymer
Peter Barrow
Stephen Scase
Paul Bamgbese
David Rees
Julie Hewitt
Peta Marrant
Thomas Price
Maikki Brettingham

PRODUCTION TEAM

Director
Company Manager
Assistant Director
Production Manager / SM
Assistant Stage Managers
Set Design
Set construction
Set painters
Costume Designer
Props
Poster Images specially commissioned by
Lighting Designer
Lx Riggers

Lx Op's

Sound Designer
Dressers

Crew

STASH KIRKBRIDE
MARK IVAN BENFIELD
HAMILTON WILSON
MARK IVAN BENFIELD
ALEX BLAND, MADELEINE YOUNG, KATE JENKINS
PETER BECK
JAMES UTTING
ISOBEL RICE, ANNE NICHOLAS, MADELINE YOUNG, ALEX FORBES
AMANDA GREENWAY
SARAH YOUNG
SIMON PRITCHARD
TOM PORTEOUS
HOWARD BUTCHER, ALEX BLAND, DAVID PHIN,
MARTIN JAMES, DANNI HAYLETT, WRAE WINTER
DANIEL MARTIN, DAVID BISHOP, WRAE WINTER
MARTIN JAMES, DANNI HAYLETT
MARK IVAN BENFIELD
REBECCA ALDRED, CHRISSIE BLACKBURN, SALLY BATE
SUZANNE BELL, LUCINDA BRAY, CHARLEY COOK
GEMMA CUSHION, STEFF FIRTH, TASHA PURWIN, MEL SESSIONS
DANIEL CRUTTWELL, ANNE MANCINI-SMITH, LAURA COLLINS, FIONA

AFTERNOON AT THE SEASIDE

CAST & CREW

BOB WHEELER
NOREEN SOMERS
ARTHUR SOMERS
GEORGE CRUM
MRS CRUM
A MOTHER
BEACH ATTENDANT
MRS GUNNER (MOM)
PERCY GUNNER

Steven Scase
Julie Benfield
Pete Sessions
Ian McDonald
Joy Davidson
Carol Hunt
Carol Hunt
Jane Dickerson
Alexander Banks

THE BEAUTY
INSPECTOR FOLEY

DIRECTOR
SET DESIGN
SET BUILD
SOUND and LIGHTING
PROPS

Hollie Harrington-Ball
Roger Gardiner

Steven Scase
Steven Scase
Pete Sessions and Ian McDonald
Howard Butcher
Sarah Young

The Maddermarket Theatre acknowledges the work and commitment of all members of the Maddermarket Theatre Company in every area of theatre production



DIRECTOR'S NOTE:

Hello and welcome to our celebration of Agatha Christie's 125th birthday.

The Maddermarket Theatre & Norwich Players have created a special tribute mini festival to one of the country's legendary authors. From 20-29th August you will be able to enjoy two wonderful examples of Christie's work, plus a film screening of *Death On The Nile*, starring Sir Peter Ustinov.

Join us for *MURDER ON THE NILE* [20-29 August] where you will be transported to the 1930s. You will meet an array of characters, all of whom are out to win friends and influence people on this enchanted, yet fated honeymooner's journey. Full of passion and evocative atmosphere, this romantic story has it all. As the director of this Main House play for August, I am enormously proud of the team of actors and crew, all of whom have worked, as one, throughout the

process, the results of which are now yours to enjoy.

AFTERNOON AT THE SEASIDE [24-28 August] in our newly refurbished Emmerson Studio. Maddermarket actor Steven Scase makes his directorial debut with this little gem of a play by Agatha Christie. A snap shot of seaside holiday adventures - A light comedy brimming with larger than life characters - A picture postcard from the seaside and something not to be missed.

DEATH ON THE NILE [11am 22nd August only] our special screening of this classic film version of Christie's masterpiece, starring Sir Peter Ustinov and a stellar cast of famous actors.

On Saturday 22nd September you can see the film in the morning, take in the lunchtime play and then go on to see the Main House play in the evening! A real treat for Christie fans, and we know you'll come away having seen fabulous theatre, all presented in an authentic style. No gimmicks, just great story telling from a group of performers dedicated to telling Christie's work as she intended.

Have fun with it all, as have we, and again huge thanks to my Joint Creative Director at the theatre, Peter Beck for his superb set design, James Utting's set build, Mark Benfield's great leadership as Company Manager for the festival, Hamilton Wilson for his gentle and encouraging Assistant direction, Amanda Greenway for her expert costumes, and Helen Vinsen & Laura Landimore for their help on social media. A big thank you to for the show's sponsors, Thorns of Lobster Lane, Pottergate, all the paint has been supplied by them, turning this stage into a paddle steamer, circa 1930, for us all to enjoy. And lastly my thanks to all our volunteers, Box Office, Front of House, Ty Rambaran and volunteer bar staff, and to all of those who make your visit here so memorable.

Best wishes,
Stash

STASH KIRKBRIDE, Director, *Murder On The Nile*,
Joint Creative Director of The Maddermarket Theatre,
Norwich





AGATHA CHRISTIE

Dame Agatha Mary Clarissa Christie, DBE (née Miller; 15 September 1890 – 12 January 1976) was an English crime novelist, short story writer, and playwright. She also wrote six romances under the name Mary Westmacott, but she is best known for the 66 detective novels and 14 short story collections that she wrote under her own name, most of which revolve around the investigative work of such characters as Hercule Poirot, Jane Marple, Parker Pyne, Harley Quin/Mr Satterthwaite, and Tommy and Tuppence Beresford. She also wrote the world's longest-running play, *The Mousetrap*. In 1971, she was made a Dame by Elizabeth II at Buckingham Palace for her contribution to literature.

Christie was born into a wealthy upper-middle-class family in Torquay, Devon. She served in a hospital during the First World War before marrying and starting a family in London. She was initially unsuccessful at getting her work published, but in 1920 The Bodley Head press published her novel *The Mysterious Affair at Styles*, featuring the character of Hercule Poirot. This launched her literary career.

The Guinness Book of World Records lists Christie as the best-selling novelist of all time. Her novels have sold roughly 2 billion copies,

and her estate claims that her works come third in the rankings of the world's most-widely published books, behind only Shakespeare's works and the Bible. According to Index Translationum, she remains the most-translated individual author – having been translated into at least 103 languages. And *Then There Were None* is Christie's best-selling novel with 100 million sales to date, making it the world's best-selling mystery ever, and one of the best-selling books of all time.

Christie's stage play *The Mousetrap* holds the record for the longest initial run: it opened at the Ambassadors Theatre in the West End on 25 November 1952 and as of 2015 is still running after more than 25,000 performances. In 1955, Christie was the first recipient of the Mystery Writers of America's highest honour, the Grand Master Award, and in the same year *Witness for the Prosecution* received an Edgar Award by the MWA for Best Play. In 2013, *The Murder of Roger Ackroyd* was voted the best crime novel ever by 600 fellow writers of the Crime Writers' Association. Most of her books and short stories have been adapted for television, radio, video games and comics, and more than thirty feature films have been based on her work, notably *Death On The Nile*, which shows here at The Maddermarket Theatre on Saturday 22nd August.

MAIN HOUSE
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Terence Rattigan's

THE DEEP BLUE SEA

Directed by Pip Sessions

THURS 24th SEPT – SAT 3rd OCT 7.30pm

Terence Rattigan's moving portrait of forbidden love and its destructive power in post-war London. Hester abandons the security and respectability of her marriage to High Court judge, Sir William Collyer, for a passionate affair with the reckless Freddie Page, former RAF pilot and hero of the Second World War. However, Freddie is unable to give her the emotional commitment she desires and over the course of a day, Hester contemplates, love, lust, loneliness and her life.

'The Deep Blue Sea' was critically acclaimed when it was first performed in 1952 with Peggy Ashcroft in the role of Hester and Kenneth More as Freddie. Emotionally revealing for the time, it captured the austerity and devastation of the early post-war years and the desperation of characters caught in a restrictive society. However, the play is ultimately about love and the complexity of the human heart and it therefore continues to have resonance today.

Often cited as Rattigan's finest work 'The Deep Blue Sea' is recognised as an example of a 'well-crafted' play; the action takes place in a single setting, through the course of one day.

Matinees 2.30pm - SAT 26th SEPT & SAT 3rd OCT

TICKETS £12 / £10 / £8

'... when you're between any kind of devil and the deep blue sea, the deep blue sea sometimes looks very inviting.'

AUGUST TO DECEMBER AT A GLANCE

24th - 28th Aug AFTERNOON AT THE SEASIDE
 30th Aug JAZZ WEEKENDER - Georgina Jackson
 30th Aug JAZZ WEEKENDER - Gabrielle Ducombe
 31st Aug BELLYDANCE WORKSHOP
 3rd Sept PATRICIA ROUTLEDGE
 4th Sept BUCK FIZZ
 5th Sept BURLESQUE SHOW -
 THEATRE DE DECADENCE
 7th Sept SIMON & GARFUNKEL
 8th Sept RAYMOND FROGGATT
 9th Sept DAN CRUICKSHANK
 10th Sept BARBARA DICKSON
 11th Sept ONE NIGHT OF ELVIS
 13th Sept BASIL BRUSH
 14th Sept NORWICH JAZZ CLUB
 18th Sept LOUISE COLE BAR EVENT
 19th Sept NORFOLK ARTS AWARDS
 24th Sept - 3rd Oct The Maddermarket Theatre
 presents DEEP BLUE SEA by Terence Rattigan
 24th Sept BELLYDANCE CLASSES - 10 weeks
 27th Sept Shackleton Sessions - CARDBOARD FOX
 4th Oct HOLLOW CROWN
 5th Oct LINDISFARNE STORY
 6th Oct JOHNNY CASH ROADSHOW
 8th - 10th Oct TIME OF OUR LIVES

11th Oct LESLEY GARRETT
 12th Oct NORWICH JAZZ CLUB
 13th Oct NORWICH JAZZ CLUB EVENT
 17th Oct INTELLECTUAL HOOLIGANS
 22nd - 31st Oct The Maddermarket Theatre presents
 'BRONTE' by Polly Teale
 26th - 30th Oct
 NUGENT MONK PRIZE WINNING PLAY
 4th - 7th Nov NORFOLK YOUTH MUSIC THEATRE
 8th Nov ST. GREGORY'S ORCHESTRA -
 Autumn Concert
 9th Nov NORWICH JAZZ CLUB
 12th - 14th Nov EDITH & JESSIE
 14th Nov QUIZ & CHIPS
 18th Nov NÖEL COWARD TALK
 (repeated on 28th Nov)
 19th - 28th Nov The Maddermarket Theatre presents
 'STAR QUALITY' by Noël Coward
 22nd Nov WRITING WORKSHOP - Andrew Burton
 22nd Nov SHACKLETON SESSIONS -
 Georgia Shackleton Trio
 28th Nov NÖEL COWARD TALK
 (repeated on 18th Nov)
 30th Nov Mad Red Theatre School presents
 'JUNGLE BOOK' by Rudyard Kipling
 2nd Dec MIRACLE ON 34TH STREET - Film

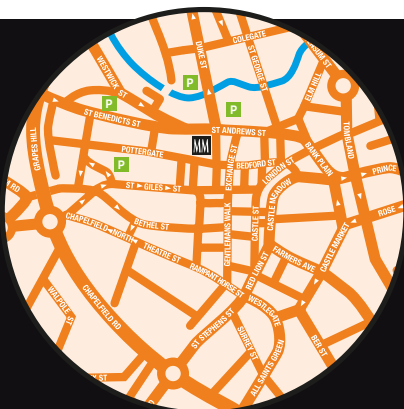
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