THE WIMBERLEY PLAYERS PRESENT

# AND THEN THERE WERE

By Agatha Christie

# **JUNE 30 - JULY 23**

Directed by Rebecca Woods

Fri | Sat 7:30 pm; Sunday 2:30 pm Tickets: \$22 Adults | \$18 Students

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# CAST

Rogers
Mrs. Rogers
Fred Narracott
Vera Claythorne
Philip Lombard
Anthony Marston
William Blore

General Mackenzie

Emily Brent

Sir Lawrence Wargrave

Dr. Armstrong

Steven Cruser Cvnthia Cruser

Matt Howard

**Emily-Ann Patterson** 

William Windle

Phillip Trieu

Greg Dew

Jim Bast

Karen Rudy

Danny Mosier

Ronald Lessane

## SETTING

The living room of a house on Soldier Island, off the coast of Devon, England.

## SCENE BREAKDOWN

Act 1	Act 2	Act 3
A summer evening in August	Scene 1: The following morning.	Scene 1: The same day, Evening.
-Intermission-	Scene 2: The same day, Afternoon.	Scene 2: The following afternoon.
	-Intermission-	-Intermission-

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# PRODUCTION TEAM

Producer Karen Rudy

Managing Artistic Director Trish Rigdon

Technical Director Todd Allen Martin

Director Rebecca Woods

Stage Manager Sondra Gervasi

Assistant Stage Manager Wade Smith

Scenic and Lighting Designer, Todd Allen Martin

Master Electrician

Sound Designer Rebecca Woods

Assistant Sound Designer Dylan Byrnes

Costume Designer Kathy Maldonado

Charge Scenic Artist Carroll Dolezal

Production Intern Wade Smith

Scenic Artists Pam England, Nancy Martin,

Scott McBride, Wade Smith,

Jana White

Properties Coordinator Karen Rudy, Cara Mosier

Master Carpenter Arnold Jansen

Set Construction Keith Haney, Robert Martin,

Scott McBride, Wade Smith

Sound Board Operators Dylan Byrnes, Cel Wackerle

Light Board Operator Connor Sharp

Lighting Crew Connor Sharp, Wade Smith

Dramaturg Rodger Marion

Show Publicity Karin Cunningham

Photographer Kevin Rigdon

Theatre Managers Dee Bynum, Cara Mosier,

Trish Rigdon, Jana White,

**Becky Williams** 

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Jo Wilson

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# DINECTON BIO



Rebecca Woods

Rebecca is a working director, actress, and designer with 15+ years of education and professional experience. This is her third time directing a murder mystery, with her first being Agatha Christie's *The Rats* and her second a piece she wrote, entitled *Cause For Doubt*. Her love of dramatic works translates to her acting as well, as her role of Mistress in Jean Genet's *The Maids* garnered her national recognition and an Outstanding Performance Award. Most recently she's been seen on the Wimberley stage in *The Importance of Being Earnest* as Gwendolyn, as well Austin Repertory's *The Miracle Worker* as Kate. In the audio world, Rebecca has narrated and co-produced over 130 audiobooks, but it's a love of psychology and the human condition that ultimately brings her back to directing each time. She hopes you enjoy one of Agatha Christie's most brilliant pieces and that you return for an alternate ending...

# MOTOPAID PHT MOAT

In everything I create, I believe in building an immersive experience for the audience. Every thought that goes into my pieces goes towards helping you step out of your own lives and into a fleshed out world. I am lucky enough to have worked with an incredible creative team, and one that helped create this effect across the board -every light cue, sound effect, set piece, and prop brings us farther into living the story alongside the characters, with my incredible actors taking the cake with their thoughtful and thought driven performances. From a very young age, I've been exposed to and fascinated by the human condition, especially when explored in the writing of talented authors, screenwriters, and playwrights. Nowhere was this more apparent than mystery novels - indeed, we have photos throughout our house of my mother reading me M.M.Kaye's "Death in Kenya" as a little infant, and the fascination on my face never ceases to make me giggle. Of all the great writers in this genre, Agatha Christie is widely acknowledged as one of the best, and I believe this is due to how detailed and real her work feels.

Christie's work is dark and compelling, and one of the biggest parts of that is her clear and apparent fascination with the human mind. Why do we do the things we do? What happens to our motives and choices when we're placed in specific circumstances? And, most importantly, what does it look like to find the humanity in our fellow men — to feel their grief or their pain, regardless of our agreement in their choices?

If I could leave you with any takeaway I would hope that it was this: that you were brought into a world different from the one outside this theater. That you were able to experience an exploration of the human condition, and that, for the short time that we had you, you were a part of our story.

Sincerely, Rebecca Woods



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STEVEN CRUSER (Rogers) Cruser is thrilled to be involved in his first production with The Wimberley Players. You might have seen him recently at the Gaslight Baker in *The 39 Steps* or *Blithe Spirit*, or in the Chamber Theatre's production of *Midsummer Night's Dream*. He is most excited about sharing the stage with his wonderful wife, Cynthia, and hopes you have a great time trying to solve the mystery of Soldier Island...



CYNTHIA CRUSER (Ethel Rogers) is making her debut on The Wimberley Players stage and is looking forward to many more appearances. Her most recent acting credits include A Midsummer Night's Dream, The 39 Steps, and Blithe Spirit. She holds her B.A in Theatre with a French minor from Texas State University and an A.A in Musical Theatre and General Liberal Arts. She would like to extend a warm and gracious thank you to her friends and family for their endless support and hype. To her partner, Cruser, she sends unending gratitude and love for sharing the stage yet again. To her extended theater community and its patrons, thank you.



MATT HOWARD (Fred Naracott) Matt is thrilled to make his debut with The Wimberley Players. A lifelong artist and storyteller, he has cultivated his passion since childhood. Over the past two years, Matt has had the privilege of performing in various productions. Notable among his favorite roles are John Brook in *Little Women* and Frank in *All My Sons*. Matt's dedication to his craft stems from the unwavering support of his late mother, who championed his artistic pursuits. With heartfelt appreciation for your presence, Matt invites you to enjoy *And Then There Were None!* 



EMILY-ANN PATTERSON (Vera Claythorne) Emily-Ann is excited to be performing in her second production with The Wimberly Players. She previously performed in *The Importance of Being Earnest* and at the Georgetown Place production of *Murder On the Orient Express* as the Countess. She is a student at Austin Community College studying both acting and costume design. She'd like to thank Rebecca Woods for this opportunity to help bring her vision to life as well as all her cast mates for making the show what it is.

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WILLIAM WINDLE (Philip Lombard) Will is excited to be joining The Players for the third time! He has previously been seen as Lord Capulet in Romeo and Juliet and Algernon in The Importance of Being Earnest. Will is a huge fan of Agatha Christie, and is thrilled to bring the character of Lombard to life with this brilliant cast and crew



PHILLIP TRIEU (Anthony Marston) Phillip is back again for his sophomore performance with a new cast and director after his role as Edward Ferrars in the recent production of Kate Hamill's adaptation of Jane Austen's Sense and Sensibility. Phillip was born in Chicago and raised in Houston. He graduated from the University of Texas at Austin with a Bachelor's in Business Administration, but spent most of his time pursuing acting projects rather than studying for exams. He likes playing sports, watching movies, eating good food, and exploring Austin during his free time. Phillip is excited for another opportunity to perform at The Wimberley Players and appreciates Rebecca and the

production team for trusting him to take on the role of Anthony Marston.



GREG DEW (William Blore) Greg's love of theatre began as a young adult and has included working on more than 30 plays or musicals in various roles on and off stage. He recently appeared in The Wimberley Players' production of Sense and Sensibility. Greg also performed here in Every Christmas Story Ever Told (And Then Some!), Jacob Marley's Christmas Carol, Romeo and Juliet, It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play, and others. Earlier this year, Greg appeared in The Miracle Worker, the first production of the Austin Repertory Theatre. Last summer, he performed the role of Joe Keller in All My Sons at the Texas Theatre in Seguin. About fifty years ago, Greg was on the lighting crew for And Then There Were None at the

Brazosport Little Theatre in which his Dad played the role of General MacKenzie. Greg is grateful for his wife, Nanette, for her loving support!



JIM BAST (General Mackenzie) Jim previously appeared with The Wimberley Players in It's A Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play and War Of The Worlds: The Panic Broadcast. He also performed in The Miracle Worker with the Austin Repertory Theatre. He and his wife, Cynthia, were raised by their two "theatre kid" daughters (now "theatre adults") whose passion inspires him to pursue the art form. A member of the United States Croquet Hall of Fame, Jim is a national champion in two countries and has represented the United States in team competitions in England, Scotland, Ireland, Wales, Australia, New Zealand, and Canada. He thanks the cast, crew, and

production team of And Then There Were None for welcoming him.

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KAREN RUDY (Emily Brent) Karen is thrilled to be back for another show with The Players. Past productions include *The Cover of Life, It's a Wonderful Life,* and *I Hate Hamlet,* and she was seen as Goldie in *The Diviners* with the Austin Actors' Studio. Most recently, she appeared in three short films, *Hit and Run, Twinsies* (which she won best supporting actor in the East Texas Film Festival) and *Melissa.* Before relocating to Austin, Karen worked as a voice over agent in Los Angeles for many years. She is so honored to work with such a talented cast and crew and wonderful director. Thank you, Rebecca. Enjoy!



DANNY MOSIER (Sir Lawrence Wargrave) Danny is everywhere. Danny doesn't stop. He doesn't drop. Doo-wop, Doo-wop. He's made appearances in such shows as *Shrek The Musical, Sense and Sensibility, The Importance of Being Earnest,* and plenty of other things, tiring his wife endlessly. Danny is thankful for the opportunity to share the stage with his friends once more, even if they are all accused of murder.



RONALD LESSANE (Dr. Armstrong) Ronald has served 13 years in both active duty and ARNG in the military, and he is currently a SSG awaiting medical retirement. Ronald has successfully become a part of Texas State University Acting Class of '27. Ronald produced and acted in a successful short film, Project H (2017), directed by Adam J. Reeb. He has also written You are Loved / Remarks Complete, and Don't Give Up!. Ronald appeared in several community theater performances during his time in Italy, including Once Upon a Mattress, Spontaneous Laughter, Unconventional Laughter, Addams Family Musical, Christmas Shows. Ronald has been blessed to appear in several

shows with The Wimberly Players including Jacob Marley's Christmas Carol, I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change, and Romeo and Juliet. He is happy and blessed to have another chance to join the cast for And Then There Were None. In his spare time, Ron volunteers and races with Vet Motorsports. He likes to read, write, paint, do photography, sing, and sometimes he just likes working on his car.

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# PRODUCTION BIOS

KAREN RUDY (Producer) Karen has produced many shows for The Wimberley Players over the past several years, including *The Cover of Life, The Tin Woman, Born Yesterday,* and *Lion in Winter,* to name a few. She is an active member of The Wimberley Players board and loves working with all the wonderful people that volunteer for this great organization. Karen also worked as a voiceover agent in Los Angeles for many years before moving to Texas. This production has been a joy to work on and Karen couldn't have asked for a better cast and crew to share the ride with. Please sit back and enjoy this classic who done it!

TRISH RIGDON (Managing Artistic Director) Trish joined The Wimberley Players in 2021 after directing *Dracula: The Radio Play, War of the Worlds: The Panic Broadcast,* and *It Had to Be You.* Other credits with the Players include Jacob *Marley's Christmas Carol* and *Romeo and Juliet.* Her experience as a Producer, Director, Lighting Designer, Costume Designer, Professor, and Educational Administrator spans 25 years. Other theatre credits include productions seen on the West End, London, National US tours, UK tours, and US regional theatres. Previous theatre and academic positions include Associate Director, Associate Producer, and Costume Designer for the Peter Hall Company in the UK, Director of Theatre for Rice University, Executive Director of Houston Cinema Arts Society, and Institutional Program Chair of Media Arts at The Art Institute of Houston. Rigdon holds a BA in Fine Arts from University of Saint Thomas and an MFA in Theatre from University of Houston. She is also a Costume Design member of USA 829.

TODD ALLEN MARTIN (Technical Director, Scenic and Lighting Designer) Todd joined The Wimberley Players as Technical Director in May 2022, and brings an array of theatre experience. He served as the Managing Director of the Cheyenne Little Theatre Players from 2017-2021, and as the organization's Technical Director from 2001-2004. Todd also worked at Baylor University from 2012 -2017 as an Assistant Technical Director at Waco Hall. During his time at Baylor he served as the Lighting Designer and Master Electrician for All University SING. Previously, he worked as the Artistic Director at the Gaslight-Baker Theatre in Lockhart, Texas. His production credits include Disney's Beauty and the Beast (Lighting Design), The Addams Family (Lighting Design), The Last 5 Years (Director/Lighting Design), Boeing Boeing (Director), and Of Mice and Men (Lighting and Scenic Design). He also enjoys treading the boards as an actor from time to time...

SONDRA GERVASI (Stage Manager) Sondra is excited to be working her second show here at The Wimberley Players and their spectacular theater. Some of her previous stage management positions were with The Public Theater in San Antonio for A Gentleman's Guide to Love & Murder, All is Calm, Newsies, and Matilda. Sondra has been working behind the scenes for well over a decade and has been an Actor's Equity Association cardholder before the pandemic. She is in awe of the talent and professionalism seen in the people working on this play.

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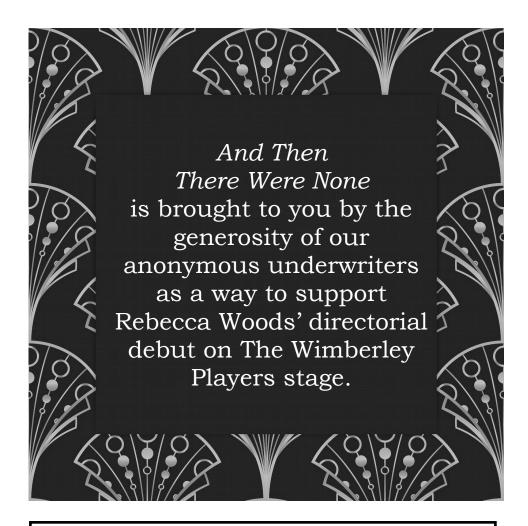
WADE SMITH (Assistant Stage Manager) Wade was born and raised in Clarksville, Tennessee, where he fell in love with set-painting, line notes, and acting in school and at his downtown regional theater. This is his second year studying Theatre Performance & Production at Texas State University. The Wimberley Players have graciously taken him in before as Assistant Stage Manager for Sleuth, CLUE, Romeo and Juliet, Every Christmas Story Ever Told, and Sense and Sensibility. He would like to thank his iconic tech team for always having his back, and his friends for keeping him sane all semester.

KATHY MALDONADO (Costume Designer) Kathy has been sewing for over 50 years and costumed her first play, *Our Town*, while in high school. She spent many years designing the costumes for her daughter's dance and drill team performances and assisted with costumes for many school productions. This is her ninth production to costume for The Players since joining The Players family in 2013. Kathy also served as Treasurer on The Wimberley Players Board of Directors for four years. She would like to thank the community for their continued support of The Players.

DYLAN BYRNES (Assistant Sound Designer) Dylan is very excited to return to The Players once again as assistant sound designer. Dylan is currently finding their place in the professional world as a technician installing audio and video systems in Austin. Previous credits include *War of the Worlds: The Panic Broadcast, Nunsense, The Importance of Being Earnest,* and *Sense and Sensibility,* as well as sound board operator, camera operator, scenic artist, and general handyman for a number of other performances with The Wimberley Players.

CARROLL DOLEZAL (Charge Scenic Artist) Carroll Dolezal has been slinging paint around The Wimberley Players' stage since 2009, and has found a lot of satisfaction through designing and executing many sets for various productions. A graduate of the Rhode Island School of Design, she has tried many venues for her creative endeavors, including designing for Hallmark cards, several children's books, teaching art at Hays High School and various forms of painting for individual commissions. But there is a special kind of fulfillment in working with dedicated volunteers like those found at The Players, and for that opportunity she is especially grateful, as well as for her husband Charlie and her two Welch Corgis, who accept her long absences from home while involved in preparing sets for those marvelous plays!

RODGER MARION (Dramaturg) Rodger, as the Players Resident Dramaturg, provides the actors and crew with cultural, historical and technical research for every play. He has been the assistant director and/or dramaturg for Good People, Lost in Yonkers, Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike, I Hate Hamlet, Death by Design, The Lion in Winter, Moon Over Buffalo, Proof, and Best Little Whorehouse in Texas. He designed the video for The Little Shop of Horrors and appeared in a radio play, broadcast on Wimberley Valley Radio, Tales from the Devil's Backbone. The Audition, a film he directed featuring Players actors, won Best Comedy at the 2019 Wimberley Film Festival.



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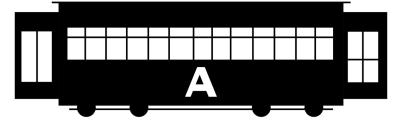
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