

Press Release

Attention All Sleuths — Murder on the Orient Express Will Come to Charlotte Players in March

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The adaptation of Agatha Christie's classic novel "Murder on the Orient Express" is coming to Charlotte Players in March. This is generally considered Christie's most famous story and features detective Hercule Poirot, who receives a telegram to return to London after just arriving in Istanbul Turkey. He is able to book passage on the famous luxury train of the 1930s named the Orient Express. While the train is delayed due to a snowstorm, an American business tycoon is murdered and the murderer may still be aboard due to the severity of the storm. Since there are no police on the train, Poirot takes up the investigation. Complicating the case is the fact that the murder occurred in a locked compartment, and at least a dozen people are possible suspects including Poirot himself.

Agatha Christie's novel was first published in January 1934. It was based partially on true events involving her and her family, as well as historic events of the time. These included the kidnapping of the Lindbergh baby, a previously delayed Orient Express event due to a snowstorm, and Agatha Christie herself being delayed on the Orient Express due to severe thunderstorms and flooding in December 1931. Since its original publication, it has been adapted for radio, two movies, television, and the stage.

The show runs from March 16 through April 2, 2023. Matinees start at 2:00 p.m. and evening performances start at 7:30 p.m. at the Charlotte Players Langdon Theater, 1182 Market Circle, Port Charlotte. Tickets are available by calling the box office at (941) 255-1022. Tickets and show information can also be obtained through the Charlotte Players website at <https://www.charlotteplayers.org>. Tickets are \$13 for student tickets and \$25 for adults. Please check the website for available dates and ticket availability.

About Charlotte Players:

Celebrating 62 years of community theater, Charlotte Players is a nonprofit organization dedicated to continuing a rich tradition of providing and promoting professional theater arts through the avenues of educational programs and entertainment productions that enrich Charlotte County and Southwest Florida. For more information, call (941) 255-1022, visit <https://www.charlotteplayers.org>, or check Facebook for Charlotte Players, Charlotte County Imagination Library, or Kids Onstage.

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