

San Juan Hills' "Clue: On Stage" is To Die For!

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Based on the cherished cult-classic film and beloved board game, "Clue: On Stage" follows six unique dinner party guests who find themselves trapped in the luxurious Boddy Manor and inevitably embroiled in blackmail, controversy, and murder. With phenomenal technical elements and unforgettable performances, San Juan Hills brings this remarkable murder mystery to life.

Liam Herd commands the stage in his portrayal of Boddy Manor's butler, Wadsworth. Herd's excellent physicality, distinct facial expressions, and humorous characterization strikingly encapsulate Wadsworth's formal, yet comical persona. When retracing the six guests' steps in an attempt to solve the mystery, Herd's impeccable comedic timing brings the chaos of the dinner party to life.

Excellent comedic relief is found in Jacob Koclanis as Professor Plum. Through bold and witty expression, Koclanis humorously longs after Ms. Scarlett (Sam Burt) and Yvette (Sydney Holland) amidst the mayhem in Boddy Manor. Sam Burt effectively contrasts Koclanis' desires by continuously expressing their disinterest with confidence.

Sydney Briggs provides a hysterical portrayal of Mrs. Peacock. Briggs pulls laughter from the audience through the flawless juxtaposition between her formal and chaotic characterization. With constant over-the-top reactions and superb timing, Briggs fully commits to her character, making it her own.

The prop team (Megan Hall and Vanessa Roselli) bring the board game to life with perfectly designed weapons. Their creative use of identically-shaped prosthetic weapons to attach to the actors following each murder effectively adds to the intensity of the show.

The set, designed by Gio Roman and Michaela Cueller, stuns. Their impressive and spacious layout of Boddy Manor adds to the production's chaos as doors slide open and the guests run from room to room.

With over 40 set transitions, 6 fly cues, 2 rotating rooms, and 2 sliding rooms, Aidan Briggs manages the stage and leads the running crew seamlessly. Though the running crew can be seen by the audience, their perfectly organized timing and swift transitions do not distract from the action on stage.

With the cast's remarkable character commitment and the crew's immense determination, San Juan Hills' production of "Clue: On Stage" is killer!