

Murder Mystery Given a Comic Twist

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Coach House Players of Kingston is presenting the murder mystery comedy, "Death By Fatal Murder." Written by Peter Gordon, this is the third in the "Inspector Pratt" trilogy of spoofs of the Agatha Christie "whodunit" genre.

Inspector Pratt's record of crime detection at Bagshot House is not enviable. In his two previous visits, the body count mounted disastrously as he looked on, helpless and hopeless. Now he's back and, as usual, chaos reigns supreme.

During the course of his latest investigations, Pratt meets the new owner of the house, Nancy Allwright. Soon he is embroiled in more mystery, aided and abetted by Miss Maple and Constable Thomkins. Upper-crust Ginny Farqua-



The cast of "Death by Fatal Murder."

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hah and Italian gigolo Enzo Garibaldi help with enquiries but danger soon looms with an unexpected arrival of Nancy's missing husband, Squadron Leader "Stiffy" Allwright. Welsh busybody and clairvoyant, Blodwyn Morgan, proceeds to create further mayhem with her somewhat suspect séance.

Directed by Coach House member David Rubenstein, the cast features Rachel Davis as the Constable, Cecilia Deferrari as Miss Maple, Jim Keenan as "Stiffy," Paula Lucas as Nancy, Anna Miressi as Ginny, Richard Quinn as Enzo, Sue Regan as Blodwyn and Bob Sills as Pratt.

Performances are April 25, 26, May 2-3 at 7:30 p.m. and April 27 and May 4 at 2 p.m. at the Coach House Theater, 12 Augusta St., Kingston.

Ticket reservations can be made by calling 845-331-2476 or at coachhouse-players.org.

Prices are \$20 for adults and \$18 for seniors 62 and over and children 12 and under. The theater is handicapped accessible. "Death by Fatal Murder" is produced by special arrangement by Dramatists Play Service.