

Santa Clara Players

Present

Agatha Crusty and the Village Hall Murders

By Derek Webb



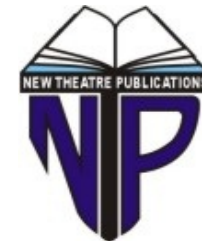
February 28 - March 22, 2014

Production Staff

Producer George Doeltz
Director Ashley Victoria Davis
Assistant Director Meredith Barry
Stage Manager Sara Doeltz
Set Design George Doeltz
Lighting Design George Doeltz
Costumes Amy Conners
Set Construction and Decoration George Doeltz, Craig Leventon
Production Flyer and Program George Doeltz
Technical Operator Sara Doeltz
Photography Steve Stubbs
Box Office George Doeltz
Opening Night Reception. Maxine Lukins, Debbie Doeltz, SCP Board
Opening Night Flowers Daisy Palmer

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Cast of Characters

Harry/PC Lockett Steve Corelis
Agatha Helena G. Clarkson
Alice Ana Williams
Olivia/Oliver Duncan Heath
Eleanor. Ashley Faus
Twigg Glenn Cody
Maisie Sarah Kishler
Toby Alan Glover
Isabella Marian Narveson
Mandy Emily Brouwer
Mortimer Gascoyne Woody Wigstand

The action of the play takes place in the Chortleby Village Hall

There will be one fifteen minute intermission. During the intermission you are invited to the lobby for refreshments as the guest of the Santa Clara Players. If you must smoke, please do so off the wooden deck.

A Note From Michael Antonucci:

It has been an honor to be your stage manager these last eight years and was hard to say good bye. Santa Clara Players and the great people I met while working here will always hold a special place in my heart. In the play that is my life I have been fortunate to have a great cast, now if I can just figure out the plot.

The Cast

Steve Corelis (Harry/PC Lockett) - Steve is again thrilled to be part of a Santa Clara Players Production. It is always a wonderful experience thanks to the fantastic casts, supportive and talented tech people, and the wonderful audiences we always seem to have! When not spending time at the theater, he can be found playing with his grandkids, teaching at San Jose City College, working in the garden, or making a mess cooking. Welcome to the quiet little town of Chortleby, where nothing much happens.... enjoy!

Helena G. Clarkson (Agatha Crusty) - Helena is thrilled to be a part of this production and is happy to be working with such a talented cast and crew. Helena has performed all over the Bay Area and was most recently seen here at Santa Clara Players as Sandy in *Four Weddings and an Elvis*. Also here at SCP, she performed in *Run For Your Wife*, *Table Manners*, *Absence of a Cello*, *Laura*, *Lend Me A Tenor*, and *The Insanity Trial of Mrs. A. Lincoln*, to name a few. She was also seen last year at the Dragon in *Becky's New Car*, Foothill College in *Nickel & Dime*, City Lights in *Hedda Gabler*, and at the Pear in *Familiar Strangers*. Helena received a BA from Santa Clara University in 2007 (with a double major in Theater and English), and completed two AA's at Foothill College (Theater Arts and Human Performance). Helena would like to thank her son for supporting her every endeavor and everyone here for supporting live theater!!

Ana Williams (Alice) - Ana is pleased to be in her third production with Santa Clara Players. Her previous roles with SCP have been in *The Christmas Mouse* and *Flaming Idiots*. Some of her most favorite roles in the last 35+ years have been Dr Lyman Hall in the recent all female production of *1776*, Mae Peterson in *Bye Bye Birdie*, Sarah Jane Moore in *Assassins*, Mother Burnside in *Mame*, and Judge Wargraves in *Ten Little Indians*. When she is not on stage, she also costumes, makes props, works on tech crew, and co-produces. And in her "spare time" she works full-time at a large computer corporation in the Silicon Valley. She would like to thank her family for being her biggest fans. Enjoy the show!

Duncan Heath (Olivia/Oliver) - Duncan is excited to take the stage again with the Santa Clara Players. You may have seen him in one of two past performances in *Four Weddings and an Elvis* and *Laura*. “I love playing Oliver and Olivia. The audience must decide if they are truly one in the same, or, if playwright Derek Webb believes that British women drew the short straw when God was giving out beauty. Rule Britannia!” Duncan’s been busy this past year. In addition to acting on stage, Duncan has taken a position in front of the camera. In *Columbus Day*, an award winning independent short film about con-men at work, Duncan played the lead criminal.

This month Duncan will be acting in a pilot for an international intrigue series “Retrievers,” where he plays – you guessed it- A police inspector, only this time, the character is French! Enjoy our performance of Agatha Crusty and the Village Hall murders. Let’s find out if Duncan has the ‘range’ for this part(s).

Ashley Faus (Eleanor) - Ashley is excited to join the Santa Clara Players again after previously performing as the Storyteller in *The Fisherman and His Wife*, Flotsam in two seasons of *The Christmas Mouse*, and Bev in *Four Weddings and an Elvis*. She's appeared in numerous shows in the Bay Area and Dallas, TX, including *Yeomen of the Guard*, *Cinderella*, and *Kismet* with Lyric Theatre of San Jose, and two seasons of *A Christmas Carol* with FBC Carrollton. Ashley would like to thank her husband for his enthusiastic support of her theatrical and musical endeavors.

Glenn Cody (Twigg) - Glenn is pleased to return to Santa Clara's stage having most recently appeared as Stanley in *Run For Your Wife*. Other favorites roles have been Saunders in *Lend Me A Tenor*, Lt. Practice in *Little Murders* and Bob in *How The Other Half Loves*. He says this is the ‘funnest’ show he has done.

Sarah Kishler (Maisie) - Sarah's past appearances on the Santa Clara Players’ stage include *Squabbles* and *Suddenly Last Summer*. Some other local stage appearances include Northside Theatre, Palo Alto Players, Dragon Theatre, Foothill College, and Hua Yi Performing Group, with which she also traveled to perform in China. During the day, Sarah is a librarian and thankfully does not have to take whiteboard instructions from Vicars.

Woody Wigstand (Mortimer Gascoyne) - Woody was last seen performing the dual role of Adam Hoskins and Mr. Spenalzo in SCP’s *Arsenic and Old Lace*.

Alan Glover (Reverend Toby Bishop) - Alan was last seen performing for the Santa Clara Players in the comedy, *Harvey*. For nearly thirty years, and as many productions, he has performed locally and internationally in musicals, dramas, comedies, pantomimes, mysteries, and most recently teaching in classrooms. Currently performing as a fourth grade teacher, here in Santa Clara, he is grateful for his students - they help keep fresh his method acting. Alan has also done a bit of travel - bicycling around the world, and is fluent in British, Canadian, Irish, Strine, and several other English based languages. He is delighted to perform with the cast and crew of *Agatha Crusty* and most grateful for their heavenly, eternal humor. We pray you enjoy the performance. Cheers...!

Marian Narveson (Isabella) - Over the years, Marian has appeared in many roles, this is the first time in a farce. Marian is happy to be back on stage in this SCP production. She was most recently seen in *Arsenic and Old Lace*, *Nana’s Naughty Knickers*, and *Bull in a China Shop*. Many thanks to everyone who worked on this production. Enjoy the show!

Emily Brouwer (Mandy) - Emily is happy to make her premier at Santa Clara Players. Graduating from San Jose State University this spring, she is looking to branch out into the local and outlying theater community. In addition to various University shows, she has been in a number of SJReal productions, along with an accompaniment of student and independent films. A budding comedian, she plans to continue exploring improv and live comedy in the future. She would like to thank Ashley Davis for bringing her into this production; and as always, Nic, for supporting her even when he knew better.

Amy Conners (Costumer) - Amy has enjoyed working with SCP since her first show here, *The Heidi Chronicles*. Since then, she has been lucky enough to be involved either on stage or costuming various shows. Amy graduated from San Jose State with a BA in Theater Arts. She has been involved in the Bay Area theater and television scene as an actor, producer, costumer and director.

Ashley Victoria Davis (Director) - Ashley is a local theatre director currently directing musicals for Campbell Union School District. In October of 2013 she directed *Tigers Be Still* at San Jose State University, for which she also designed the sound. Previous directing credits include *The Works of William Shakespeare: Abridged; Misreadings; Lemons; Bench, Slightly Left* and *Death of a Snowman*. Ashley is about to receive a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Theatre Arts from San Jose State University, and owes her success and inspiration to her phenomenal support system.

Meredith Barry (Assistant Director) - Meredith is excited to be joining Santa Clara Players for her first production. When she isn't moonlighting as AD, she works as an instructional aide at the Morgan Autism Center. Meredith would like to say thank you to the fabulously talented director, Ashley Victoria Davis, for allowing her to share the utter joy it has been directing this truly outstanding cast.

About the Players

The *Santa Clara Players* is a non-profit community theater group dedicated to wholesome entertainment. We provide an opportunity for anyone with dramatic or stagecraft aspirations to work with experienced directors and producers. We provide high quality, family theater for the enjoyment of the citizens of Santa Clara and the surrounding areas.

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