

# Hood & Dagger Productions

## 2026-2027 Season

### Additional Show Details and Casting Requirements

#### “Spider’s Web” by Agatha Christie

November 5-8, 2026

Jubilee Place Concert Hall (MBCI)

3-4 female presenting characters

8-9 male presenting characters

Static set with secret moving elements ; considered Agatha Christie’s most comedic play ; set in 1950s

#### *Agatha Christie ; Deception ; Comedy ; Suspense ; Whodunnit ; Detective*

Clarissa is adept at spinning tales of adventure, but when a murder takes place in her drawing room, she finds live drama much harder to cope with. Desperate to dispose of the body before her husband arrives with an important politician, she enlists the help of her guests. Hilarity ensues when they are interrupted by the arrival of a wry detective.

Written by the Queen of Crime, Agatha Christie, “Spider’s Web” is a wickedly witty night of murder. The play combines a unique blend of suspense and humour, with an intricate plot of murder, police, invisible ink, hidden doorways, and secret drawers!

<https://www.concordtheatricals.com/p/1028/spiders-web>

#### CHARACTERS

- Clarissa Hailsham-Brown: The protagonist, known for her active imagination and tendency to make up stories.
- Henry Hailsham-Brown: Clarissa’s husband, a Foreign Office diplomat.
- Pippa Hailsham-Brown: Henry’s daughter and often acts naive or spontaneous.
- Sir Rowland Delahaye: Clarissa’s guardian.
- Hugo Birch: A local justice of the peace.
- Jeremy Warrender: A charismatic young secretary visiting the house.
- Mildred Peake: A hearty gardener.
- Oliver Costello: Involved in shady business dealings.
- Inspector Lord: A calculating, observant detective.
- Constable Jones: Inspector Lord's assistant.
- Mr. Elgin: The butler

## **“A Spirited Manor” by Kate Danley**

February 25-28, 2027

Desautels Concert Hall (UofM)

5-9 female presenting characters

5-9 male presenting characters

2-6 ensemble characters

Abstract set ; choreographed movements (dance experience an asset) ; epic fight scenes ; set in Victorian times

### ***Haunted ; Large ensemble ; Romance ; Adventure ; Monsters ; Epic twist ending***

When Clara O'Hare's husband was murdered, she felt her life was over. But after attending a séance in a remote country home with a host of colourful characters, she realizes something sinister has awoken. It will be up to Clara and the dashing medium, Wesley Lowenherz, to find out what the spirits of the manor are dying to tell them!

Laced with gothic romance and paranormal mystery, A Spirited Manor is a fast-paced adventure that examines the journey from grief to purpose and finding love after loss.

<https://www.katedanley.com/a-spirited-manor-play>

### **CHARACTERS (as described by the playwright)**

- Clara O'Hare: f / 20s - A young widow
- Thomas O'Hare/ m / 20s - Clara's late husband
- Wesley Lowenherz: m / 20s - A medium
- Mrs. Nan/ f / 40s+ - Clara's housekeeper
- Hilda Nero: f / 40s+ - Violet's overbearing mother
- Mr. Edgar/ m / 40s+ - Clara's butler
- Gilbert: m / 40s+ - Horace's butler
- Minnie Lowenherz: f / late-teens - Wesley's late sister.
- Horace Oroberg: m / 40s+ - A blustering hunter. Teddy Roosevelt type.
- Violet Nero: f / 20s - A frail young lady with a French upbringing.
- Marguerite Matson: f / 20s - headstrong, spirited, modern woman for the age
- Norman Scettico: m / 20s - a stiff scientist
- Clifford Oroberg: m / 20s - Horace Oroberg's son. Cad, coward, scoundrel
- Ensemble: ghosts

## **“Habit of Murder” by Joanne Miller**

May 13-16, 2027

Jubilee Place Concert Hall (MBCI)

4 female presenting characters

4 male presenting characters

Comedic mystery with multiple murders and perhaps a few ghosts ; set in modern day in rural Nova Scotia

### ***Canadian ; Murder Mystery ; Hockey ; Comedy ; Spooky ; Set in Nova Scotia***

In a small Nova Scotian town celebrating their recent hockey championship win, a skeleton is discovered in the wall of the United Baptist Church. Sister Vivian Salter is called in to unravel the mystery, and by doing so butts heads with the local RCMP, nursing staff, and farmhands, who have no interest in a body when no one local is missing. This case tests Sister Vivian’s strength as the more she digs, the more murders and memories she unearths.

Habit of Murder features a hilarious cast of recognizable small-town characters who are engulfed in a mystery that will make you laugh and shiver.

<https://www.canadianplayoutlet.com/products/habit-murder>

### **CHARACTERS (as described by the playwright)**

- (F) SISTER VIVIAN SALTER - 50-65- brilliant, caustic, poignant. Very Sherlock Holmes. She is a professor of philosophy at Mount Saint Vincent University.
- (M) BUDDY - 50 - 65 practical, friendly RCMP Officer. Works diligently for the good of the town.
- (F) SUNNY- 18-25 farm hand. Lives half her life in her imagination, loves horror books and movies. Grew up on the streets of the city, now works as a farmhand.
- (M) LEO - 40’s. Really wants the best for the town but thinks everyone is too stuck in the past. Was the town hockey star in his youth, but he didn’t leave and is now the town’s hockey coach.
- (F) WINNIE PEEPER - 40’s. is a dedicated nurse who works in the nursing home, is jovial and rude with the patients, staff and guests. Has a tendency to flirt. She is a single mom who has a son who left town when he was 17.
- (M) DUCK- 45-50 works for the construction company. The big, silent type.
- 2 construction workers in hazmat suits
- Team mascot