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Clue Play Coming to Stage

Monkey's brains never tasted so good. New CLUE stage play stars a gun, a rope, a wrench and a lead pipe.



Two corpses and everything's fine in the upcoming stage play that will be based on the board game **CLUE**. Game-maker Hasbro and Broadway production the Araca Group announced plans to bring the game and the 1985 film *Clue* to the stage. The stage version will not be a musical.

"We are thrilled to be announcing Clue as the next stage adaptation developed by our Media & Entertainment division," Michael Barra, President, Media & Entertainment at The Araca Group, said in a statement. "*Clue* is an iconic film with a passionate fan base, and Jonathan Lynn is the ideal collaborator to bring these beloved characters and story to the stage."

The play will be written by Jonathan Lynn, who wrote and directed the film. Lynn also directed the films *Nuns on the Run*, *My Cousin Vinny*, *The Distinguished Gentleman*, *Sgt. Bilko*, *Greedy*, *Trial And Error*, *The Whole Nine Yards*, *The Fighting Temptations* and *Wild Target*. His television works include Britain's *Yes Minister* and *Yes, Prime Minister*. For the London stage, he directed *The Glass Menagerie*, *Songbook*, *Anna Christie*, George Bernard Shaw's *Arms And The Man* and *The Gingerbread Man* at the Old Vic and *A Little Hotel on the Side* by Georges Feydeau and George Abbott's *Three Men on A Horse* at the National Theatre, among others.

It will be directed by Tony nominee Hunter Foster (The Bridges of Madison County). Foster directed the plays *Ain't Misbehavin'*, *National Pastime*, *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*, *Summer of '42*, *The Buddy Holly Story* and *It's a Wonderful Life* at the Bucks County Playhouse, among other plays.

Three-time Tony nominee Anna Louizos (Holiday Inn) will design the set. Anna Louizos' Broadway credits include the plays *School of Rock*, The *Mystery of Edwin Drood*, *In the Heights*, *High Fidelity* and *Avenue Q*.

"*Clue* is one of Hasbro's most popular games and the 1985 film has rightfully earned its place as one of the most iconic murder mystery films of all time," Simon Waters, Hasbro General Manager & SVP Entertainment & Consumer Products, said in a statement.

"We are excited to work with The Araca Group on this unique new live production, which will capture what fans love about the original film, while offering some new and exciting surprises along the way." The 1985 film *Clue* starred Tim Curry, Madeline Kahn, Christopher Lloyd, Eileen Brennan, Tim Curry, Michael McKean, Martin Mull, and Lesley Ann Warren.

"*CLUE* is one of those rare titles that transcends genre," adds Stephen Gabriel, president of Work Light Productions. "The movie's unique blend of witty dialogue, physical comedy and surprise twists created a film event that will thrive on the live stage."

Now there's one thing I don't understand. One thing? In the film, six strangers go to a party at a New England mansion. Their host, Mr. Body, is killed and all six have a motive, they were all being blackmailed. Before the evening ends, the body count rises as the bodies of a cop, a maid, a cook and a singing telegraph delivery girl, played by The Go-Gos' Jane Wiedlin, join the body of Mr. Boddy in what could only be called the Body Room.

Fox is currently adapting a remake of the now-cult classic.

One plus two plus two plus one, this isn't the first time Araca and Hasbro worked together. They announced the Broadway-bound musical adaptation of *Monopoly* earlier this year.

This project is not connected with the 70s and Off-Broadway stage musical *Clue: The Musical*. The Pennsylvania's Bucks County Playhouse run will be executive produced by Robyn Goodman in partnership with Work Light Productions and Aged In Wood

CLUE will be produced, under license from Hasbro, Inc. and Paramount Pictures. The premiere production will happen at Bucks County Playhouse in May 2017 followed by a U.S. national tour, put on by The Road Company (*Wicked*, *Kinky Boots*). Plans for a U.K. tour are also underway.