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Appropriately set in the historic Parry Mansion of New Hope, the highly-acclaimed cast of "Clue On Stage", directed by Hunter Foster, descended from the central stairway with their weapons in their hands to meet guests on Wednesday, April 26, 2017. It was a preview to the opening of the World Premiere of "Clue On Stage" taking place at Bucks County Playhouse from May 2 through May 20, 2017. The cast is loving every minute of preparing for this hysterical play – a comedy, mystery with a musical backdrop by composer Michael Holland. In Parry Mansion, the home of the New Hope Historical Society, they went from the "dining room" to "the lounge" and then gathered in "the kitchen" playing (what else?) the game of CLUE.



Photo by Hope Horwitz

In this photo, the cast is joined by Director Hunter Foster (4<sup>th</sup> from left, back row) and composer Michael Holland (5<sup>th</sup> from left, back row).

The cast features two-time Emmy winner and Golden Globe Award winner **Sally Struthers as Mrs. Peacock**; Tony and Outer Critics Circle Best Actress nominee **Erin Dilly as Mrs. White**; **Kevin Carolan** (Broadway's "Newsies") is **Colonel Mustard**; **Brian J. Carter is Mr. Green**; **Clifton Duncan is Professor Plum**; **Lindsay Nicole Chambers** (Broadway's "Lysistrata Jones"; "Hairspray") is **Miss Scarlet**; **Carson Elrod** (Broadway's "Peter and the Starcatcher") is **Wadsworth** and **Claire Simba is Yvette**. The cast also includes **Cassandra Dupler and William Youmans** (Broadway's "Wicked," "Bright Star" and "Billy Elliot") playing Mr. Boddy and multiple roles.

#### **About "Clue On Stage":**

On a dark and stormy night, six unique guests, plus a butler and a maid, assemble for a dinner party at the home of Mr. Boddy. When their host turns up dead, it is clear that no one is safe! Soon the

guests are racing to find the killer and keep the body count from stacking up. "Clue" is the comedy whodunit that will keep you guessing (and laughing) to the very end.

"Clue On Stage" is based on the screenplay by Jonathan Lynn with additional material by Eric Price and Hunter Foster. Based on the Paramount Picture and the Hasbro board game, "Clue" is being produced at Bucks County Playhouse by special arrangement with The Araca Group, Work Light Productions, Michael Barra, and Aged in Wood Productions.

Musical staging is by Jen Cody, who is also Associate Director. Anna Louizos is Scenic Designer with lighting design by Ryan O'Gara and costume design by Nicole V. Moody. Bart Fasbender serves as Sound Designer. Jane Pole is Production Stage Manager.

**Performance schedule:**

Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m., Wednesdays at 2:00 pm (except May 3) and 7:30 pm (except May 10), Thursdays at 2:00 p.m. (except May 4) and 7:30 p.m., Fridays at 8:00 p.m., Saturdays at 2:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. (except May 6), and Sundays at 2:00 p.m. The opening night performance on May 6 will be at 7:30 p.m. There are added performances on Sunday, May 7 at 7:00 p.m. and Wednesday, May 17 at 7:30 pm. The Playhouse will hold a special LGBT Night performance with a post-show talkback on Tuesday, May 9 and a Ladies' Night performance on Thursday, May 18.

**Ticket Information:**

Tickets range from \$40 – \$75. Special rates for groups of 10 or more. Subscriptions to the full 2017 Season are still available. For complete details, and to purchase tickets, please visit [buckscountyplayhouse.org](http://buckscountyplayhouse.org), call 215-862-2121, or visit the box office at 70 South Main Street, New Hope, PA.

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**ABOUT BUCKS COUNTY PLAYHOUSE**

The historic Bucks County Playhouse, a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization, is the oldest and largest professional Equity performing arts center in Bucks County. Under the direction of four Broadway producers — Tony Award-winning producers, Alexander Fraser (Producing Director) and Robyn Goodman (Executive Producer) with Producers Stephen Kocis and Josh Fiedler, the Playhouse provides first class professional theatrical entertainment as well as community events, partnerships and arts education programming for visitors and residents of New Hope, Doylestown, Lambertville and the Delaware Valley.

Located between Philadelphia and New York, Bucks County Playhouse opened in 1939 in a converted 1790 gristmill after a group of community activists, led by Broadway orchestrator Don Walker and playwright Moss Hart, rallied to save the building. The Playhouse quickly became one of the country's most famous regional theaters, featuring a roster of American theatrical royalty including Helen Hayes, Kitty Carlisle, George S. Kaufman, Grace Kelly, Robert Redford, Bert Lahr, Walter Matthau, Angela Lansbury, Bernadette Peters, Alan Alda, Tyne Daly, Liza Minnelli and Audra McDonald and remained in continuous operation until December 2010. In 2012, the Playhouse re-opened thanks to the efforts of the Bridge Street Foundation, the nonprofit family foundation of Kevin and Sherri Daugherty, and Broadway producer Jed Bernstein.

Since its renovation, significant productions include Terrence McNally's "Mothers and Sons" starring Tyne Daly, which moved to Broadway and was nominated for two Tony Awards, and "Misery" by William Goldman based on the Stephen King novel which also went on to a Broadway run in the 2015-16 season. Two of the Playhouse's recent productions — "Company" starring Justin Guarini, and William Finn's "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" — were named by Wall Street Journal to its "Best of Theatre" list for 2015. The Playhouse's productions of "Steel Magnolias" and "Buddy: The Buddy Holly Story" broke box office records in 2016.

#### **ABOUT THE NEW HOPE HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S PARRY MANSION**

The elegant eighteenth century Georgian-style Parry Mansion at 45 South Main Street is in the heart of New Hope's historic district, and serves as the headquarters for the New Hope Historical Society. It was the home of the "Father of New Hope," **Benjamin Parry**, and five generations of the Parry family. The New Hope Historical Society purchased this beautiful structure from Margaret Parry Lang in 1966 and, arguably, saved it from the wrecking ball. It is located across the street from the Parry Barn, which the founding members had saved from demolition in 1958. It is opened on weekends only, beginning in May. Please visit [www.newhopehs.org](http://www.newhopehs.org).