

Christie thriller makes debut on CCC stage



Actors Cheryl Ellison and Nigel Sanders prepare for their roles as Mitzi and Patrick Simmons in the student stage production of 'A Murder is Announced.'

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Merril Lynn-Taylor rehearses her lines as Miss Marple with Roger Hancock, who portrays Sgt. Mellors, and David Burnett, who portrays Inspector Craddock in the Winter production adapted from an Agatha Christie mystery.

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AGATHA CHRISTIE'S A MURDER IS ANNOUNCED



ADAPTED FOR THE STAGE BY
LESLIE DARBON

DIRECTED BY JACK SHIELDS

SPECIAL APPEARANCES BY
BARBARA BRAGG & MERRIL LYNN TAYLOR

McLoughlin Hall Theatre
March 1, 2, 3, 9, & 10 at 8 p.m.
March 11 at 2:30 p.m.

General Admission \$4 Students \$2
Seniors free with reservations
For reservations call 657-6958, ext. 356

Friends of CCC Dinner Theatre
March 8 & 11 • 6:30 pm
Tickets \$15 (single) or \$25 (couples)
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Coaster Theater, Cannon Beach
March 22, 23, 24 • 8 pm • Tickets \$8
For reservations call
657-6958, ext. 356 through March 19
For Coaster phone reservations call
436-1201 (VISA or MasterCard only)
Tickets also available in Cannon Beach at
the Fair Winds (across from the theater)



by Angela Wilson
Feature Editor

The stage is set for the Agatha Christie murder mystery 'A Murder is Announced,' which is will open tomorrow night in CCC's McLoughlin Theatre.

"We have been working hard," said Jack Shields, director. "At this point we have a rollicking fast paced Aggie thriller."

The play was adapted for stage by Leslie Darbon, and differs from the novel so there may be some surprises for Aggie "buffs and those who know the original source."

This is the first Christie production done since the 1987 play 'Mouse Trap.'

"It is not as well known as 'Mouse Trap,' but it has the same obligatory flip, flop, flip, flop, flip ending," Shields said.

Barbara Bragg, theatre department secretary, and Merrill Lynn Taylor will be making special appearances in the play. Bragg is portraying the character Letitia, and Taylor is portraying the legendary Miss Marple.

"The cast is headed by two absolutely

phenomenal actress (Bragg and Taylor), and their added spark has brought the cast to a new competence," Shields said. "Of course that spark is added at whim."

'A Murder is Announced' will be on stage in the McLoughlin Theatre March 1, 2, 3, 9, and 10 at 9 p.m., and on March 11 at 2:30 p.m. General Admission is \$4, for students it's \$2, and senior citizens get in free with reservations. For reservations call 657-6958, ext. 356. Reservation tickets are held only until 10 minutes before curtain.

This year marks the 18th annual spring vacation theatre, where the cast and crew take the production on the road to the Coaster Theatre in Cannon Beach. The Cannon Beach performances will be March 22-24 at 8 p.m. Reservations for those performances can be made at 657-6958, ext. 356 until March 19, or at the Coaster Theatre at 436-1201. Tickets are \$8.

Shields added, "This will be a lot of fun for the first time, novice, and true blue Aggie buffs."

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