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Cast members in a recent rehearsal of the Coaster Theatre Playhouse's summer musical "Nunsense," which opens Friday and is full of heart, pep and plenty of dancing.



George Vetter

A scene from "And Then There Were None."

Singing nuns, murder mystery

Coaster Theatre Playhouse raises curtain for 'Nunsense,' 'And Then There Were None'

By **KATHERINE LACAZE**
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The Coaster Theatre Playhouse's marketing committee came up with a clever tagline to jointly advertise the two wildly different shows in its summer repertoire: "And Then There Were Nunsense."

Beyond the ability for their titles to be seamlessly tied together, Dan Goggin's campy and fun-filled musical, "Nunsense," opening Friday at the Playhouse in Cannon Beach, and Agatha Christie's murder thriller "And Then There Were None" which opened June 21, are as different as they come.

"It's going to be very hard not to walk out of the theater with a smile on your face," said Richard Bowman, who is making his directorial debut with "Nunsense." "It's just one of those

IF YOU GO

"NUNSENSE"

When: June 28-Sept. 1. Performances are 7:30 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday with 2 p.m. Sunday performances Aug. 18 and Sept. 1

Where: Coaster Theatre Playhouse, 108 N Hemlock St., Cannon Beach

Details: Tickets are \$20 or \$25 and can be purchased at the Coaster Theatre box office, online at coastertheatre.com or by calling 503-436-1242.

"AND THEN THERE WERE NONE"

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"Nunsense" features an ensemble cast of five women who play the Lit-

tle Sisters of Hoboken: Heidi Hoffman as Mother Superior; Sue Neuer as Sister Mary Hubert; Ann Bronson as Sis-

ter Robert Anne; Cameron Lira as Sister Mary Amnesia and Brittanica Williams as Sister Mary Leo.

When their cook accidentally poisons several of the sisters and they realize they desperately need funds for the burials, the sisters decide to put on a variety show.

To host the benefit, they take over the Catholic high school – which is in the process of staging "Grease" – and that sets the backdrop for the audience to become acquainted with each sister's unique characteristics, history, ambitions and even personal demons.

According to Lira, one of her favorite aspects of the show is "it's really an ensemble cast."

"We're all totally in it together," she said. "We all have our time in the spotlight and our time as supporting characters."