



LEFT: 'Murder on the Orient Express' at Coaster Theatre Playhouse stars, clockwise from upper left, Marcus Liotta, Liz McCall, Leonard Hoge and Tita Montero. ABOVE: 'Murder on the Orient Express' cast members, clockwise from upper left, John Hoff, Margo McLellan, Frank Jagodnik, Rhonda Warnack, David Sweeney and Heidi Hoffman.

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All aboard the mystery train in Cannon Beach

'Murder on the Orient Express' opens at Coaster Theatre Playhouse

BY M.J. CODY

It's easy to love traveling by train. Departing from Istanbul on a winter morning seems magical, but not so when stuck in the mountain snow with a fellow passenger suspected of murder. In Agatha Christie's 1934 novel, "Murder on the Orient Express," that's just the scenario. This intriguing tale, deftly adapted for the stage by Ken Ludwig, is now being performed at the Coaster Theatre Playhouse in Cannon Beach.

Christie has a knack for conjuring a potpourri of delicious characters in unusual circumstances. "Murder on the Orient Express" is one of her most colorful plots. Anyone familiar with a Christie story knows that someone will die. Someone else, with uncanny insight, will also solve the crime. This after interviewing many suspects, all of whom have some connection to, and likely a perfectly good reason for, murdering the victim.

'Murder on the Orient Express'

Coaster Theatre Playhouse, 108 N. Hemlock St., Cannon Beach
 Now playing at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays through Aug. 6
 Admission is \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. The box office is open from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, and until curtain on performance days. Proof of COVID vaccination required to attend this performance
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