



# Theatre 7 On Stage

February 2018

## Did You Know About the T7 Endowment?

Theatre 7 benefits from an endowment with the Community Foundation of Macon County. This endowment fund was generated by a generous gift from Doug and Peg Schmalz. In addition to their original gift they provided a \$25,000 matching challenge gift, if other donors would step up. The Theatre 7 Endowment pays us approximately 5% of the principle annually, about \$6,000, and it is our goal to build this endowment to help meet our needs for building upkeep, repairs, utilities, and to continue providing the Decatur area with quality stage productions, as we have since 1964. Please consider giving an annual gift in your name or a gift in memoriam to The Theatre 7 Endowment Fund.

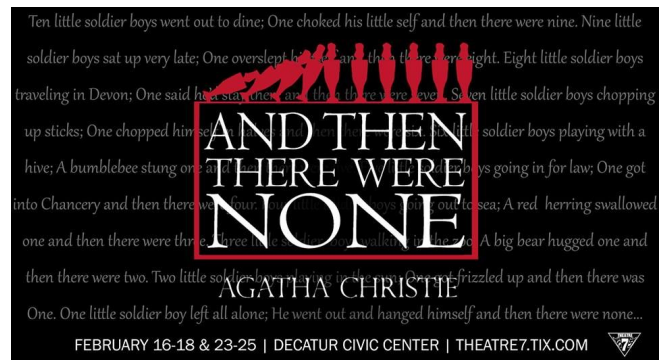
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## And Then There Were None February 16-18 & 23-25 | Civic Center

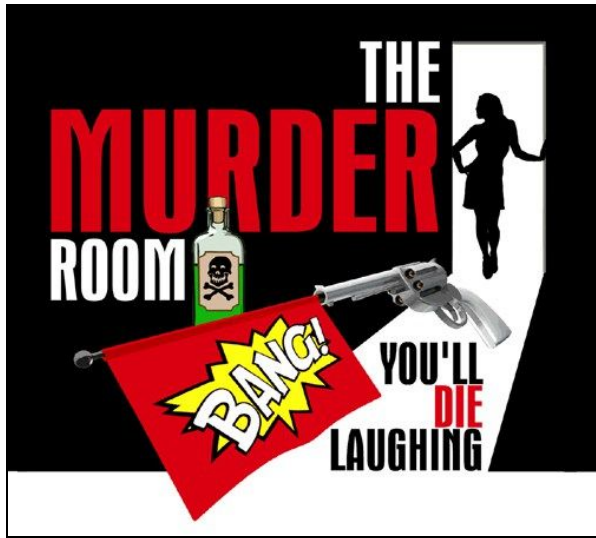
Ten strangers are summoned to a remote island. All they have in common is a wicked past and a secret that will seal their fate, for each has been marked for murder. One of Dame Agatha Christie's darkest tales and a masterpiece of dramatic construction, This engaging mystery will keep you guessing to the very end!

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**Move-in/Set build:** We will be moving the set, props and costumes from T7 to the Civic Center starting 9 am Saturday, February 10.



**Ushers:** We need smiling faces to welcome theatre goers and help with pre-show activities for every performance except February 25. If you are interested, please contact House Manager Ruth Ann Holmes at [holmescatgaltoo@aol.com](mailto:holmescatgaltoo@aol.com).



## AUDITIONS: Murder Room

7 pm | February 26 & 27 | T7 HQ

Our final show of the season is "The Murder Room," directed by Carl Sebens. Auditions will be 7 pm February 26 and 27. Please bring your schedule and any conflicts. Performances will be April 6-8 and 13-15.

This zany spoof of British mysteries boasts a plethora of hilarious situations. Murder has never been this funny. "The Murder Room" is a farcical spoof of all crime thrillers. The quick, well-timed dialogue of Jack Sharkey comes through loud and clear, with never a dull moment. There are secret chambers, secret panels and trap lids galore all operated by the most ridiculous contrivances and gloriously mixed up.

## February Member Meeting

7 pm | February 12 | T7 HQ

Please join us for our monthly membership meeting. We'll talk about board activities, upcoming shows, volunteer opportunities and more. If you have any ideas to share, this is your chance to do it!

## KUDOS: A Christmas Chaos

Director Jan Hooten wants to give a big shout out to entire cast and crew of "A Christmas Chaos" for going above and beyond with extra work, donations and teamwork - in addition to stellar performances - to help make our latest fundraiser a rousing success, earning T7 \$3,256 to help us with ongoing expenses.

The dinner theatre fundraisers have been a fantastic source of additional revenue and we would have struggled without the extra income this year.

Great job, everyone!

## THEATRE LIGHT BULB JOKES



How many actors does it take to change a light bulb?

*Three. One to actually do it, and two more to discuss how they would have done it better.*

How many directors does it take to change a light bulb?

*"Interesting... why does it want to change? What's its motivation?"*

How many playwrights does it take to change a light bulb?

*"I'm not changing anything!"*

How many producers does it take to change a light bulb?

*"Why do we need another light bulb?"*

How many theatre publishers does it take to change a light bulb?

*We don't actually change light bulbs. We just tell you how someone else did it earlier.*

How many stage managers does it -

*"Done."*

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