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Broadway Rose Theatre Presents a Murder Mystery Musical

Tigard, OR – The Broadway Rose Theatre Company continues its 2014 season of brass ‘n’ sass with a musical farce, *Whodunit...the Musical* playing at the Broadway Rose New Stage. *Whodunit...the Musical* is a tuneful, riotous romp that’s part mystery, part drawing room farce, and all musical comedy. Preview performance is Thursday, September 18 with opening night on **Friday, September 19**, and performances continue through **October 19, 2014**. Evening performances are Thursday through Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. Matinees are at 2 p.m. on Sundays, and on Saturdays, September 27, October 4, 11, and 18. The New Stage is located at 12850 SW Grant Avenue in Tigard. **Tickets start at $30** for adults, with discounts available for groups and youth. For a full listing of show performances or to order tickets visit [www.broadwayrose.org](http://www.broadwayrose.org) or call the box office at 503.620.5262.

Based on Mary Roberts Rinehart’s 1908 novel “The Circular Staircase,” the musical begins as a wealthy spinster and her cockney maid take a beautiful Connecticut summer home in 1931. When they arrive, all the help has quit, except for a very odd butler who warns that something strange is going on. They are soon joined by the spinster’s niece who’s brought a friend… a “friend” who turns out to be a young man! Heavens! After a night of attempted break-ins, the sound of gunshots, and the discovery of a dead body – the detective arrives and things get REALLY strange!
Whodunit…the Musical was written by Ed Dixon. Annie Kaiser will direct, with musical direction by Mont Chris Hubbard and choreography by Erin Shannon. The creative team also includes C. Murdock Lucas (Scenic Designer), Grace O’Malley (Costume Designer), Phil McBeth (Lighting Designer), Tim Richey (Sound Designer), Jeff Duncan (Prop Designer), and Jessica Downs (Production Stage Manager).

The cast includes Laurie Mike Dederian, Debbie Hunter, Jennifer Goldsmith, Joy Martin, Sean Powell, and Thomas Slater.

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BROADWAY ROSE THEATRE COMPANY, a non-profit arts organization, is Oregon’s premier musical theater company. Under the artistic direction of Sharon Maroney, Broadway Rose has been successfully producing musical theater in Tigard since 1992 and plays an important role in enriching the community’s cultural arts. Committed to increasing opportunities for Oregonians to participate in the arts and working to retain Portland’s talent pool and attract new talent to the area, Broadway Rose is resolved to keep live theater affordable and make its productions accessible to all ages and members of the community.

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