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**STAGEStheatre Opens 27th Season with**

**Agatha Christie’s Classic**

***Murder on the Nile* January 18-February 10th**

Fullerton CA—STAGEStheatre is excited to announce the kickoff of their 27th Season with The Agatha Christie classic ***Murder on the Nile*** directed by STAGEStheatre veteran Phillip Brickey opening January 18th and running through February 10th.

Kay Ridgeway has led a charmed life. Blessed with beauty, enormous wealth, and a new husband, she embarks on a honeymoon voyage down the Nile. Fatal circumstances await when the idyllic surrounds are shattered by a shocking and brutal murder. Under scrutiny is a multitude of memorable passengers, all with a reason to kill. The tension and claustrophobia builds, as a remarkable and audacious conspiracy is uncovered.

“Having been a lifelong fan of classic mysteries, I couldn’t be more pleased to helm this production,” says director Phillip Brickey. “Arguably considered to be the authority on mystery, I fell in love with Christie, and the genre itself when I saw Murder on the Orient Express back in 1979. I think everyone loves her work so much because she weaves the story of each suspect with such deftness that every single person in the investigation seems to have a perfectly plausible motive. I often found myself guessing who the murderer could be and always being dead wrong.

What I found really surprising is that in spite of a rich and distinguished quarter of a century of producing original scripts and Pulitzer-Prize winning plays, this is the first Agatha Christie play that STAGEStheatre has produced. I’m thrilled to have this opportunity to bring this classic to the stage and challenge the audience’s skills of deduction.”

The original stage version of the 1944 Murder on the Nile is based on her 1937 novel Death on the Nile which will was remade in 1978 and will have yet another reboot in 2020, directed by Kenneth Branagh.

Starring in ***Murder on the Nile*** are: Andrew Aguilar, Anuar Uribe, Jason Cook, Lawrence Ingalls, Rose London, Carlos David Lopez, Emily Porr, Bianca Singer, Jessica Taylor Gable, KC Marie Pandell, Avi Wilk, and Brian Yager.

Tickets for ***Murder on the Nile*** are $24.00, $22.00 for students and seniors.  Performances are January 18th- February 10th, Fridays and Saturdays at 8:00 p.m. and Sundays at 2:00 p.m. There’s no show on Superbowl Sunday. For reservations please visit our website at [www.stagesoc.org](http://www.stagesoc.org)

About STAGEStheatre: Celebrating its 27th year, STAGEStheatre is one of Orange County’s most innovative community theaters.  It produces nearly 15 productions annually, showcasing local playwriting, acting and directing talent.  STAGEStheatre is, and will continue to be, dedicated to the development of the artist. It is located at 400 E. Commonwealth in Downtown Fullerton (between Lemon and Balcom).

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