

SHOWBILL



MURDER ME *always*



*A play within a play...and a
murder no one rehearsed!*

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Villas of Holmdel

200 Commons Way, Holmdel

DIRECTED BY DENNIS CONNORS



**Misfits
THEATRE CO**
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MEET THE CAST



Alan Burkholz

Alan Burkholz (Henry Figgins) is thrilled to be in another murder mystery with his friends at the Misfits Theatre Co., having just performed last month with The Little Victory Theatre as Richard Denning and William Frawley in *Lucy Loves Desi: A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Sitcom*. He was also recently seen in standout roles in the Live Radio Plays: *A Christmas Carol* and *It's a Wonderful Life*; as Saunders in *Lend Me a Tenor* with Villagers Theatre; and in the 2+ year touring original show, *A Day in the Life*, a story told through the music of The Beatles.



Laura Dalston

Laura Dalston (Director role) is an actress, author, puppeteer, wildlife animal enthusiast, and once voted 'most likely to join a circus'. She has appeared on stage at Playhouse 22, Kelsey Theatre, and Villagers Theatre. This is her debut at Misfits Theatre. Thank you, Dennis, for the opportunity to be among an amazing cast and crew. And to Bob, thanks for making me smile every day. Enjoy the show!



Diane Greaves

Diane Greaves (Dolores Dumpfy) is delighted to be a part of this Misfits Theatre Company production! Recent roles include Maria (*Lend Me a Tenor*), Nickie Rivers (*Talk About A Murder*), Violet (*It's A Wonderful Life*) and Delilah (*Til' Death Do Us Part*). When she's not on stage, Diane enjoys her digital marketing career and spending time with friends and family. Special thanks to all who have encouraged and supported her along the way.

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Andrew Junqua

Andrew Junqua (Drew Graham) is making his Misfit Theater Co. debut! Other roles include: ensemble in Jekyll and Hyde at North Brunswick Drama Group. He's very excited to be here and to be performing with a wonderful cast of actors and characters. Andrew loves art, video games, and watching movies. Many thanks to Dennis Connors for the opportunity, and his family for their support. Enjoy the show!



Michele LoPresti

Michele LoPresti (Muffy Ladue) is excited to be returning to the stage after some time away. Michele has practically grown up in the theater and is grateful to incorporate it now into her "adult" life. Michele currently is a full-time mom and psychotherapist. Her past stage credit includes ensemble roles in Once Upon a Mattress, Footloose, Joseph & the Amazing Technicolor DreamCoat, No No Nanette, The Music Man, & the role of Jessica Olive in Done to Death.



Gregory Nekrasovas

Gregory Nekrasovas (Fritz Fontaine) is thrilled to return to Misfits as Fritz Fontaine in Murder Me Always. With Misfits, he wrote and directed the original jukebox musical An Evening of Yacht Rock featuring The Crew; directed Broadway at Jamesbrew; and performed in various cabarets. Additional credits include Winner (Monroe Township High School, creative liaison, national HS premiere); The Sound of Music (Stagecoach Productions, Max Deitweiler); and Into The Woods (Stagecoach Productions, The Wolf and Rapunzel's Prince). Gregg would like to thank: Misfits for the performance opportunity, his family and friends for their support, and our audiences for supporting their local arts community.

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Ricky Pucci

Ricky Pucci (Blake Powers) is thrilled to make his Murder Mystery debut as the most titillating character in Murder Me Always Blake. Misfit Credits include performances in Cabarets, The Manalapan Recreation Center Monster Mania Show, Wicked Fairytale, and Ensemble (It's A Wonderful Life). Additionally, he has portrayed Nick, Vlad, and Ralph in Timed Out: The Musical. Other credits include performances in the ensemble of Coyote The Musical and the role of Devon in Period 5. BTW, I DIDN'T DO IT... XOXO GOSSIP GUY



Ricky Selterman

Ricky Selterman (Cab Driver) They saw me, felt bad, gave me a part. The End. Oh, and he still wants his \$45.42.



Starlight Smiley

Starlight Smiley (Trixie) is thrilled to make her Misfits Theatre Company debut as Trixie. She previously delighted audiences as the comical toy store owner in Asbury Park's Premier Theatre production of Scrooge for two seasons. A SAG-AFTRA member, Starlight is currently filming a psychological thriller in NYC. Her television and film credits include Saturday Night Live, Law & Order: SVU, Law & Order: Criminal Intent, Sistas, Orange Is the New Black, Chappelle's Show, Maid in Manhattan, Other Madnesses, and The Antwone Fisher Story. Her Off-Broadway credits include The Mountaintop, Girls of Summer, Nursing Home, and A Raisin in the Sun. Starlight is also a professional stand-up comedian, featured at some of NYC's hottest comedy clubs. When she's not performing, she enjoys fitness, dancing, karaoke, and uplifting others as a gifted psychic, life coach, and healing artist.

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Lauren Surrency

Lauren Surrency (Wanda Hawthorne) is a Rutgers student studying for her BFA with a focus in acting. With the support of her friends and family, her passion for the stage led her to the Misfits Theatre company. Currently, Surrency is working on smaller projects through voice acting and is excited to explore new areas of entertainment.



Dustin Wang

Dustin Wang (Detective Joe Mamet) was raised in Marlboro, New Jersey. Dustin began studying voiceover in 2024 and then acting a year later. He has lent his voice to the web series Best Buds and a few audio dramas such as Morbid Forest and Misfits of Dawnwood. Detective Joe Mamet is his first stage role! By day, he works at the Board of Public Utilities. In his spare time, he plays guitar and Pokémon Go.

ABOUT THE DIRECTOR

Dennis Connors (Director) would like to assure audiences that no actual directors were harmed in the making of this production. After falling in love with the Misfits Theatre Company while hosting a comedy workshop last year, Dennis is thrilled to make his directorial debut with the company! A proud product of New Jersey community theatre, including Plays-in-the-Park, Cranford Dramatic Club, Main Street Theatre Company and more, Dennis has spent over twenty years on stages, in studios, and behind the mic.

His acting credits include Magnus Seto in Six Minutes (the most downloaded family podcast of all time), the NJ professional premieres of Beauty and the Beast (Cogsworth) and Matilda (Mr. Wormwood) at The Growing Stage, and his feature film debut in horror slasher film, The Canyonlands. You may also know him as "Thumbs-Up Jim" from the Firehouse Subs national campaign. Dennis is a multiple AudioVerse Award nominee, a proud member of Actors' Equity Association, and is represented by Atlas Talent Agency.

As a director, Dennis has helmed multimedia projects with his students at NextGen Acting, and through the Rising Star Resilience Project, his nonprofit building up resilience in youth with adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) in Middlesex County. Dennis' podcast directorial debut, Vocal Canvas — a collaboration between NextGen acting, East Brunswick Public Library and Playhouse 22 — was nominated at the 2023 AudioVerse Awards.

Dennis dedicates this show to his wife Nicole and son Oliver, who graciously let him out of the house for rehearsals. Dennis' work can be found at DennisConnors.com, NextGenActing.com, & RisingStarProject.com.

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Dr. Angela Ronan (Stage Manager) is the founder and president of Misfits Theatre Company. She created the group to finally find a home for fellow adult thespians in the neighborhood. She is a speech-language pathologist working in an Elementary School by day and a mom of 2 (ages 8 and 12) by night who performs whenever she has the chance! She has been living in Manalapan for 14 years and has been a part of 8 different community theatres during that time. Past musical education includes: Manhattan School of Music Prep Division, The Singer's Forum, LaGuardia HS of Performing Arts, 20+ years of private voice lessons, 15 years of dancing school, and a Minor in Music from Hofstra University. Thanks to Dennis for taking on this show and all the love to the entire cast and crew!

Michael W. Wells II (Sound Technician) has been a technical director for 15 years and a scenic designer for 10 years at Matawan Regional High School and the Matawan Avenue Middle School. For the past 6 years, he has held the title of Technical Director of Live Events for the Matawan Aberdeen Regional School District.

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And last but not least, thanks to you, our patrons, for coming out to support local community theatre. We appreciate every one of you!

