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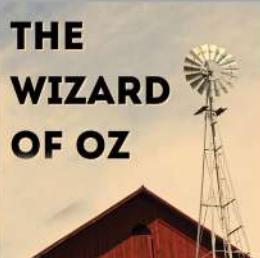
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# Main Stage

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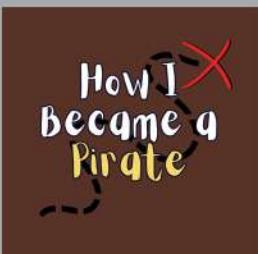
5/15-5/24

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3/20-3/29

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5/1-5/10



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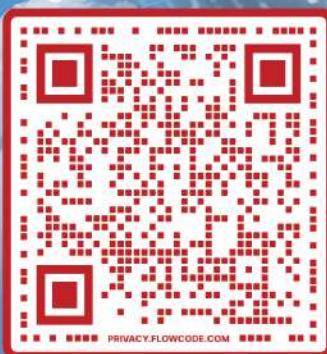
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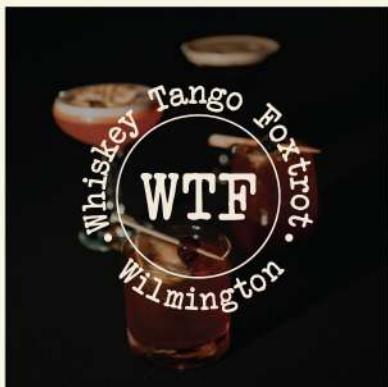
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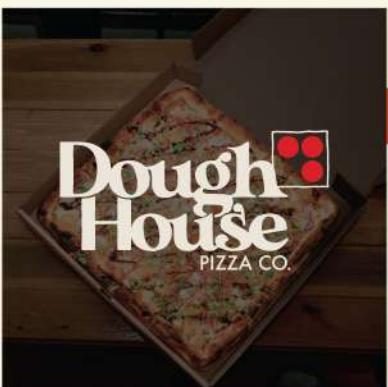
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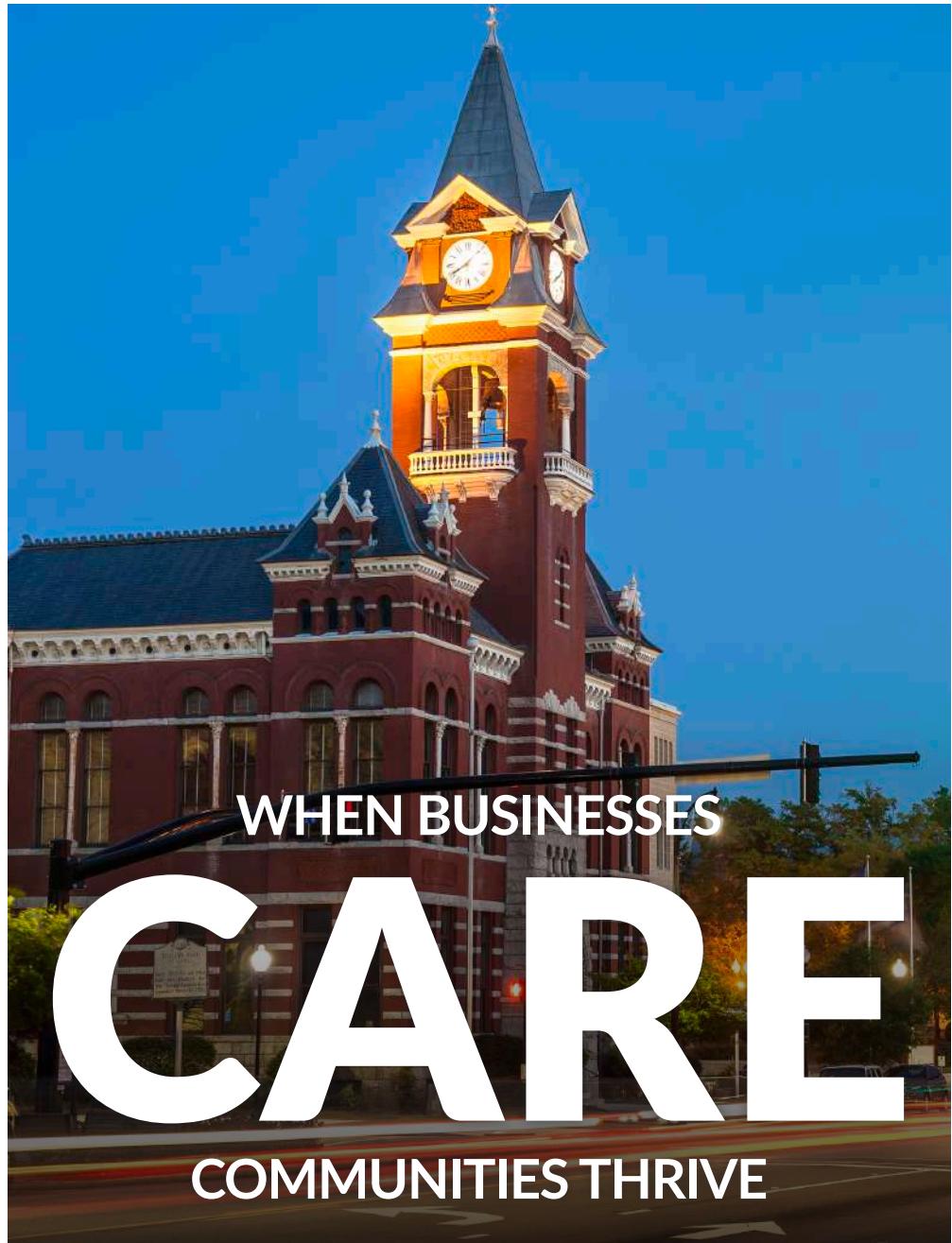


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# MURDER ON THE ORIENT EXPRESS

ADAPTED FOR THE STAGE BY KEN LUDWIG

FEBRUARY 6-15 2026

DIRECTED BY CAT THOMAS

SET DESIGNER BEN FANCY

SET CONSTRUCTION MARK HAYES

LIGHTING DESIGNER ANDREW FISHER

SOUND DESIGNER JONATHAN GRAVES

DIALECT COACH REILLY CALLAGHAN

COSTUME DESIGNER HUNTER ROCK

PRODUCTION STAGE MANAGER LILLY GODDARD

DECK CHIEF NATALIE ATENTO

PROPS MASTER JASON AYCOCK

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# C A S T

Hercule Poirot	Chase Harrison
Monsieur Bouc	Josh Hodge
Mary Debenham	Meagan Golden
Hector Macqueen	Nathan Forbes
Michel the Conductor / Head Waiter	Deangelo Motley
Princess Dragomiroff	Paula Davis
Greta Ohlsson	Makayla Brock
Countess Andrenyl	Tamica Katzmann
Helen Hubbard	Maria-Luisa Winslow
Samuel Ratchett/Colonel Arbuthnot	Jon Ripley

## W H O ' S W H O

CAT THOMAS (Director) is a freelance theatre artist and filmmaker and an associate member of the Stage Directors and Choreographers Society. She holds a BFA in Theatre Arts Education from East Carolina University and an MFA in Directing from the University of South Carolina, Columbia. In addition to directing locally, she also teaches theatre at Cape Fear Community College, is a House/Box Office Manager for the Hannah Block Historic USO/Community Arts Center, a local crew member for the Wilson Center, and a Script Supervisor and 1st AD for production companies such as Local Cinema Studios. This is her second Thalian Association production.

HUNTER ROCK (Costume Designer) is a new costume designer in the Wilmington area. He recently earned his MFA in costume design from the University of Nebraska- Lincoln. He is grateful to the Thalian Association Community Theatre for the opportunity to design costumes for this production of *Murder on the Orient Express*. Design credits include: *Red*, *The Addams Family Musical*, *I and You*, *The Importance of Being Earnest*, *Grease*, *Big Fish*, *The Christians*

LILLY GODDARD (Stage Manager) is absolutely thrilled to stage manage her second main stage production. The energy, creativity, and passion of live theater are what Lilly lives for, and she can't wait to help bring the production's vision to life. Her most recent credits in technical and creative roles for Thalian include: *Finding Nemo the Musical* (Director), *Zombie Prom: Atomic Edition* (Director), *SIX: Teen Edition* (Choreographer and Stage Manager), *Descendants: The Musical* (Director and Co-Choreographer), *Madagascar Kids* (Stage Manager), and *Children of Eden*: (Stage Manager). Lilly is excited for this journey—it's sure to be an unforgettable ride!

JONATHAN GRAVES is the sound designer for *Murder on the Orient Express*. He is deeply thankful to be working alongside such an incredible creative team and cast, and has had an absolute blast crafting the sonic world of this production. Jonathan is especially grateful to partner with Gina Graves, who is running all of the sound effects for the show—her collaboration has been an essential part of bringing the story to life. A special thank you to Susan Habas for her tremendous efforts in ensuring the Thalian Association remains welcoming to all and a treasured part of North Carolina. Jonathan is thrilled to be part of this journey and proud of the work shared on this production.

MAKAYLA BROCK (Greta Ohlsson) is thrilled to be in *The Murder on the Orient Express*, which is her first production with Thalian! She is currently a student at UNCW, where she has appeared in *Measure for Measure* (Claudio), *Romeo and Juliet* (Mercutio, Sampson), and *Dracula* (Asylum Attendant). She is grateful to work with this talented cast and crew and hopes you enjoy the show!

Once the panic finally subsided, CHASE HARRISON (Hercule Poirot) was over the moon to get the chance to embody such an iconic role as the Belgian Detective, Poirot. There is a world of people that

the actor/writer would like to thank, and in no particular order, here they are... Thank you to the Cast for having each other's backs on this journey. We're a team now, let's rob this bank. To Cat, for seeing something in me that I didn't see in myself, that always means a lot. To Chandler Davis & The Thalian Assoc. Team for making a theater company feel like a family gathering. To his Mom & Dad for always being supportive and awesome. Finally, to you, that's right, you, the audience member, sitting in that seat reading this far into a bio. Thank you for supporting the Arts. Without you, we're just a bunch of people playing pretend by ourselves in a big empty room. And doesn't that just sound crazy? So sit back, relax, and enjoy the show! I mean, who doesn't love a good old-fashioned murder mystery? To Chandler Davis & The Thalian Assoc. Team for making a theater company feel like a family gathering. To his Mom & Dad for always being supportive and awesome. Finally, to you, that's right, you, the audience member, sitting in that seat reading this far into a bio. Thank you for supporting the Arts. Without you, we're just a bunch of people playing pretend by ourselves in a big empty room. And doesn't that just sound crazy? So sit back, relax, and enjoy the show! I mean, who doesn't love a good old-fashioned murder mystery?

**MARIA-LUISA WINSLOW** (Helen Hubbard) likes to turn off the news and watch true crime documentaries. To relax. Which is why she's overjoyed to climb aboard this classic whodunit tale! Although she's not new to Wilmington area theatre, this marks her exciting debut with TACT on the historic Main Stage. Recent credits include HALLELUJAH GIRLS for Brunswick Little Theatre; GOD OF CARNAGE for Big Dawg Theatre Co; DETAINED for Harrington Repertory; SCOTOPIA for Mob Theatre; and 10-MINUTE MISCELLANY for Port City Playwrights. She pours out her gratitude to Cat Thomas, Lilly Goddard, her AMAZING fellow actors, and the wonderful crew and staff of this production. Much love to her husband, son, and family for their never-ending support. And thank you for coming to see the show!

**NATHAN FORBES** (Hector MacQueen) is a graduate with his B.A. from the University of Wilmington North Carolina. Who is also a veteran from the United States Army. He previously performed as Eli in August Wilson's "Gem of the Ocean", As well as Erin in "Cyclone" at Jango's Playhouse. He is grateful to Cat Thomas for giving him this opportunity and wants to dedicate his performance to his family and friends. Originally from Cleveland, Ohio, DeAngelo Motley (Michel the Conductor / Head Waiter) is a 33-year-old actor based in Leland. A United States Marine Corps veteran with a passion for singing and dancing, this production marks his stage debut. He is grateful for the support of his family.

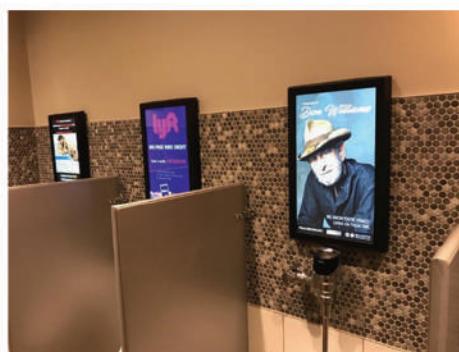
**TAMICA KATZMANN** (Countess Andrenyi) is as happy as a monkey about its tail!! She grew up reading who-dunnits and now gets to play in another one. The first was Agatha Christie's The Mousetrap with Big Dawg Productions. A big thank you to the cast and crew who have made this show spectacular and entertaining. Enjoy figuring out the mystery and Sok szerencsét ("Much luck" in Hungarian).

**JON RIPLEY** (Samuel Ratchett / Colonel Arbuthnot) is an actor and improv comic from Wilmington. He wants to thank his lovely wife and daughters, with whom he resides in a castle, for all their support.

**JOSH HODGE** (Monsieur Bouc) is ecstatic to make his debut in this production! Although he loves the spotlight, the last time he was on stage, beepers were still a thing. Page me after the show, enjoy!

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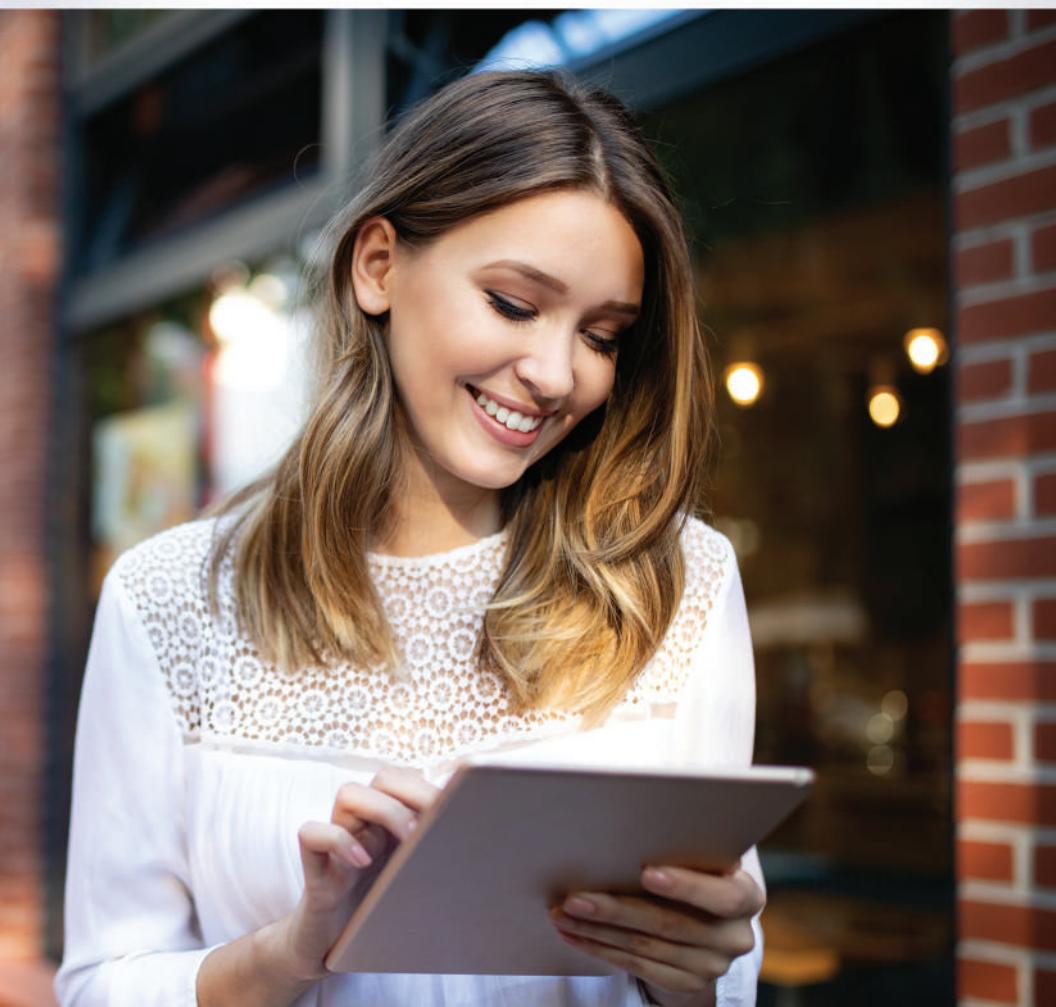
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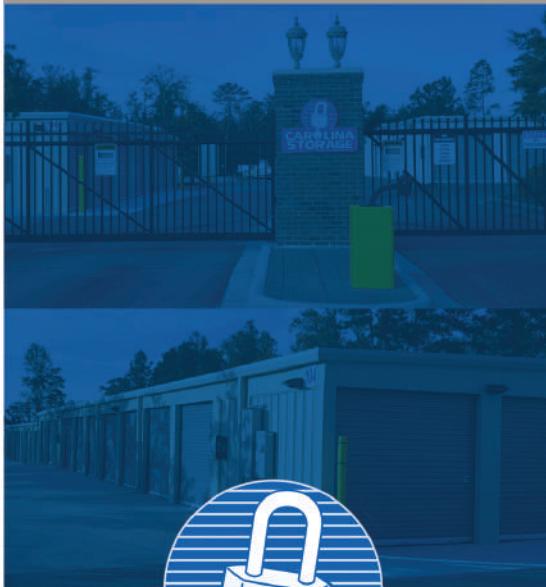
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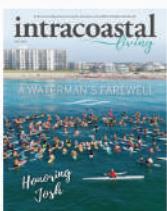
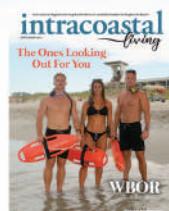
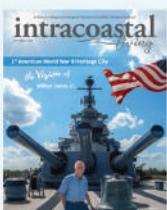
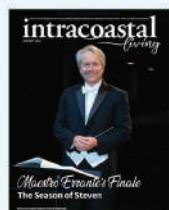
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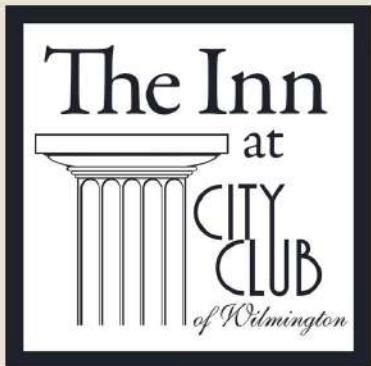
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