

**MURDER
ON THE
ORIENT EXPRESS**

By Agatha Christie

Adapted for the stage by Ken Ludwig

Directed by Kelly Thornton

In partnership with Citadel Theatre

A classic murder mystery unfolds at the John Hirsch Mainstage in Agatha Christie's Murder on the Orient Express

January 15 - February 7 | Preview on January 14

John Hirsch Mainstage

Winnipeg, December 16, 2025 - Royal Manitoba Theatre Centre kicks off the new year with a thrilling stage adaptation of Agatha Christie's *Murder on the Orient Express*, directed by Royal MTC Artistic Director Kelly Thornton in her sole directorial project of the season. Featuring Canadian actor Alex Poch-Goldin as the legendary detective Hercule Poirot, this production brings iconic characters to life. With stunning set designs from Brian Perchaluk, *Murder on the Orient Express* promises a night of unforgettable storytelling.

"At the heart of Christie's novel is a man who must confront everything he has known to be true, where his moral code comes face to face with the realization that the legal system is not infallible. Hercule has been described as a psychological detective, and indeed Orient Express is a masterful lesson in human behaviour, including his own," Thornton said.

Murder on the Orient Express stars Jill Agopsowicz as Mary Debenham, Rodrigo Beilfuss as Michel the Conductor / Marcel the Head Waiter, Daniel Briere as Colonel Arbuthnot, Dutchess Cayetano as Countess Andrenyi, Donna Fletcher as Helen Hubbard, Kristin Johnston as The Nanny, Tom Keenan as Hector MacQueen, Ian Leung as Samuel Ratchett, Alex Poch Goldin as Hercule Poirot, Robyn Slade as Greta Ohlsson, Davina Stewart as Princess Dragomiroff and Ray Strachan as Constantine Bouc. Briere, Fletcher, Johnston, Leung and Slade understudy several roles.

The creative team features original author Agatha Christie, Stage Adaptation Ken Ludwig, Director Kelly Thornton, Set Designer Brian Perchaluk, Costume Designer Joseph Abetria, Lighting Designer Hugh Conacher, Associate Lighting Designer April Viczko, Sound

Designer **Dave Clarke**, Fight Director **Jacquie Loewen**, Intimacy Director **Sharon Bajer**, Dialect Coach **Jane Gooderham**, Assistant Director **Ava Darrach-Gagnon**, Assistant Costume Designer **Katherine Hochman**, Stage Manager **Katie Hoppa**, Assistant Stage Manager **Zahra Larche** and Apprentice Stage Manager **Tia Morann**.

Tickets for *Murder on the Orient Express* start at \$29.99 plus GST. For showtimes and ticket information, call the Royal MTC Box Office at 204 942 6537 or visit RoyalMTC.ca.

"Agatha Christie's *Murder on the Orient Express*" is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals on behalf of Samuel French, Inc. www.concordtheatricals.com

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