

# The Show Must Go On!

In seven days, the curtain rises for the opening night of the Haberford Amateur Dramatic Society's refreshing take on *Romeo and Juliet* by William Shakespeare. However, one of their lead actors, Edna Crossley, was found dead two days ago: she had been murdered!

Now, with one week to go, the company meets in the village hall to find a replacement for Edna. Thanks to HADS' inclusive casting policy, anyone can audition for any role—no matter their age, race, gender or experience. (Edna, playing teenage Juliet, was in her fifties.) Competition is likely to be fierce!

But why is Detective Morgan Camberwell here? Surely they can't think that Edna's murderer is here? Find out at *The Show Must Go On!*

Let the show begin!

## What do you get with *The Show Must Go On!*?

- A step-by-step guide on how to run the game.
- Character booklets for each guest, including background, goals and objectives.
- Clues for each guest, and special abilities.
- Handouts, nametags, and other essential items.

## How many people are needed?

*The Show Must Go On!* is for 9 to 13 guests—plus one host (the game coordinator). The step-by-step guide explains which characters to omit if you have fewer than 13 guests (you need at least 9, however).

All the characters are ungendered—so anyone can play them.

And if you have even more guests, we include an extra character for *The Show Must Go On!*.

## How does *The Show Must Go On!* work?

*The Show Must Go On!* runs for one hour! So you can fit it into a bigger party or even a lunch break. The host acts as organizer, responsible for making sure everything runs smoothly. The host does not count toward the maximum or minimum number of players.

The guests are all present backstage at Haberford village hall for the auditions to replace poor murdered Edna as Juliet. They each have their own goals, and how they achieve these goals is up to them. *The Show Must Go On!* is an evening of intrigue and secrets!

## **What age is *The Show Must Go On!* suitable for?**

We suggest *The Show Must Go On!* is suitable for ages 15+ as it contains references to cannabis (which is illegal in the UK).

## **Where can I purchase *The Show Must Go On!*?**

*The Show Must Go On!* is available from <https://www.freeformgames.com/>.

We accept all major credit cards and PayPal.

When you buy the game, you'll be taken to a page where you can download it immediately.

We will also email you a download link and password, so you can collect your game later if that's more convenient.

## **What if I don't like *The Show Must Go On!*?**

We offer a cast-iron, no-quibble guarantee. If you're not completely satisfied with *The Show Must Go On!*, let us know within 30 days and we will refund you.



"Freeform Games will definitely be my first stop when I decide to host my next murder mystery game :) keep doing great work!" **Vlad Dogaru, Romania**

"As I've always said you guys are great!!!! You think of everything! You've found a loyal customer in me!!" **Doris Arnett-Gary, USA**

"Love you guys. Love your games. I always had them for my teenaged daughter and her friends and they were a big hit. I was often impressed with how far young minds took their characters." **Susan Bull, California**

"You make really great games. My friends and me are fond of mystery murder games and tried quite a number of them, and yours are the most interesting and elaborate ones :)" **Lyubov Sharonova, Russia**

"I just want to say thank you for your fantastic games! We've played at least 6 of them, and every single one has been great fun. We have played a lot of murder mystery games over the past 5 years, and yours are absolutely the best." **Mary Lantz, USA**

"Thank you again for responding to all my questions – you guys certainly know how to treat your customers – thank you!" **Laura Blakley, United Kingdom**



# Cast list

## Haberford Amateur Dramatic Society

**Charlie Bates:** *Romeo and Juliet's* stage manager and retired carpet warehouse manager

**Marley Blaylock:** Garage mechanic and *Romeo and Juliet's* sound and lighting technician

**Jordan Evans:** Primary school teacher and new HADS member

**Lennon Hall:** HADS member and retired accountant

**Riley Jones:** Parish councillor and HADS member

**Hayden Kennedy:** Retired police officer responsible for costume and props

**Reese Mitchell:** *Romeo and Juliet's* director

**Taylor Nolan:** Red Lion publican and Romeo in *Romeo and Juliet*

**Rev Blake O'Neill:** Haberford's vicar and HADS board member (Membership Officer)

**Ellis Walsh:** Mercutio in *Romeo and Juliet*, HADS board member, and butcher

**Jules Wood:** HADS board member

## Others

**Morgan Camberwell:** Police detective investigating Edna's murder

**Avery Moon:** Edna's friend and author of the Aggie Marbles murder mystery novels

