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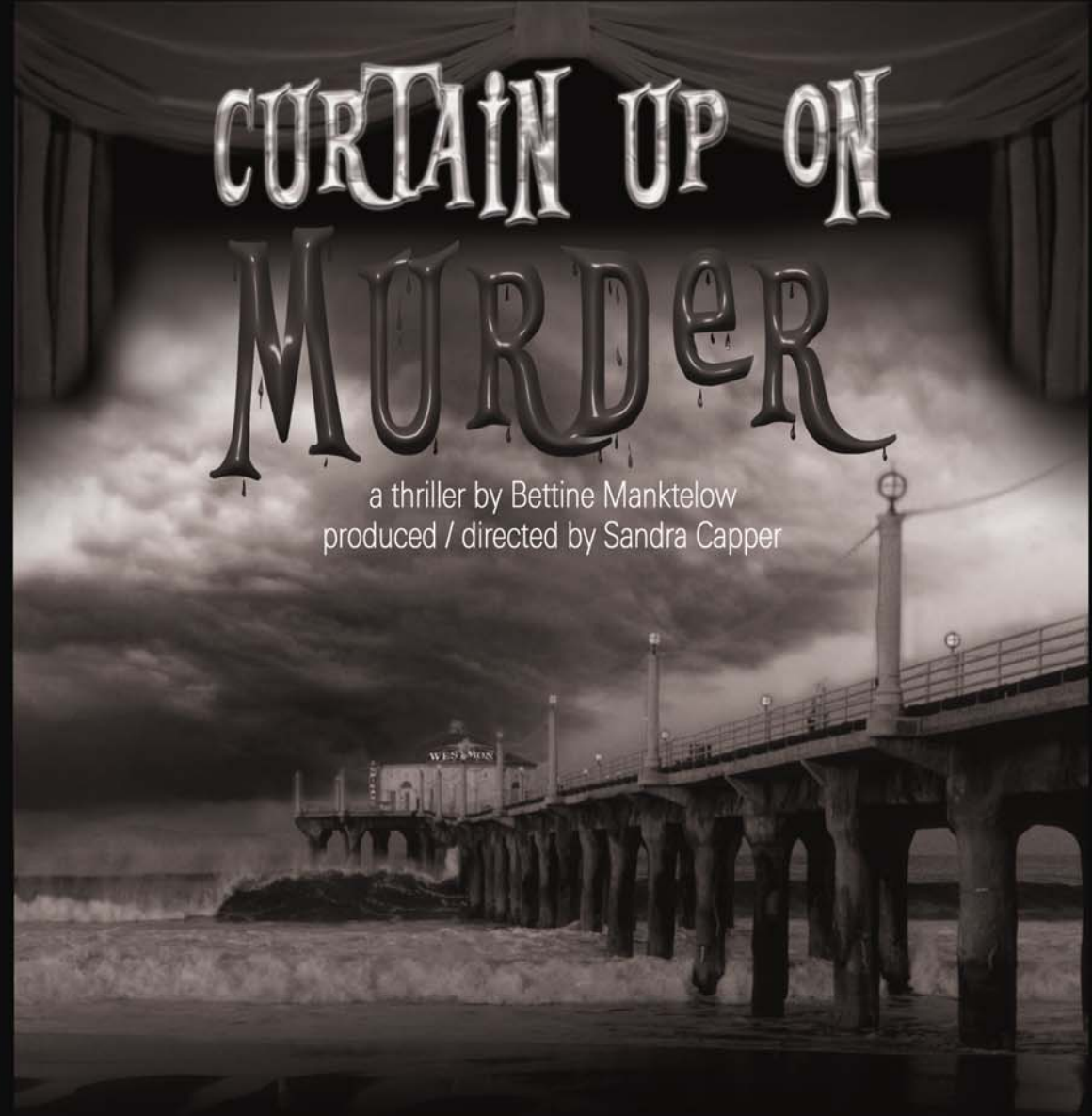
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# CURTAIN UP ON MURDER

a thriller by Bettine Manktelow  
produced / directed by Sandra Capper



a Dunham Thespians production

**Wed 19<sup>th</sup> - Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2008**

Curtain Up - 7:45pm

Dunham Massey Village Hall

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An amateur dramatic company turn up for rehearsal in their small theatre at the end of a pier. As storms rage overhead, they find themselves inadvertently locked in and with no means of contacting anyone for help. Following the mysterious sighting of a ghostly presence, and the apparently tragic accidental death of one of the crew members, the rest of the company are thrown into panic and disarray.

Events take an even more sinister turn when one of the cast is poisoned, and it becomes evident that a murderer is in their midst, hell bent on picking them off one by one. But who would want them all dead, and why? And most importantly, will any of them live to tell the tale...?

## CAST

(in order of appearance)

Linda .....	Stefanie Knight
Sandra .....	Laura Kinsella
Ginny .....	Rachael Gallagher
Harry .....	Bill Craig
Alex .....	Martin Clare
Sylvia .....	Philippa Cameron
Martin .....	John Wagner
Moppet .....	Carol Davies

The action takes place on the stage of a small theatre at the end of a pier, in the mid 1990's

## Act I

Scene 1 - The theatre, shortly after 7pm  
Scene 2 - Several hours later

## Act II

Scene 1 - A few minutes later  
Scene 2 - Half an hour later

## Act III

Scene 1 - Twenty minutes later  
Scene 2 - Early morning

This amateur production is brought to you in association with Samuel French Ltd.

- Raffle tickets will be on sale before the play and during the interval. There's always a healthy selection of prizes, so make sure you don't miss out on tickets. The raffle will be drawn at the end of Act II.
- A bar will be available in the foyer selling wine and lager, along with a small selection of sweets and chocolate.
- Tea, coffee and biscuits will be served during the interval free of charge.

## Producer's Notes

"Piers have always fascinated me. The feeling of being out at sea, yet without the insecurity caused by the motion of the sea. The bright little pavilions selling shells, ice creams, candy floss and sugary doughnuts. Having my daughter sketched with such perfect likeness by a talented artist. Mum always liked to have her fortune told by Gipsy Rose Lee. Dad always liked to watch the docking procedure as the boats came in at the end of the pier. We always went to see the well known artists who appeared for the summer season in the small theatre.

After the war, piers could have been seen as an unnecessary luxury due to the post war economic climate. In fact a number were destroyed or allowed to fall into a state of disrepair. However, the tide has now started to turn and many people now realise their historical, architectural and social importance. I'm sure we all hope that they will continue to provide much enjoyment for many years to come.

Tonight we hope you will enjoy our 'End of the Pier Show'.  
Sandra Capper

# Christmas Entertainment Night

On Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2008, join us at the Village Hall from 7pm for an evening of Christmas Entertainment. It begins in earnest at 7.45pm with Marty's Christmas Quiz, followed by entertainment from some of the Thespian regulars, then take the stage yourself if you dare in the Karaoke Challenge!

If any proceeds are generated they will go to charity, but it's really just an excuse to get some of the village together for some festive fun. It's £2 entry on the door - first come, first served, so early arrival is recommended. Bring your own booze and snacks.

We very much look forward to seeing you there!