

Murder Inn

SYNOPSIS: *Murder Inn* is set in New England, at the Barnsley Inn, a dilapidated eighteenth century inn, which is supposedly haunted by Marco, a knife-throwing poltergeist. A group of tourists, on a Tour, Ghosts and Ghouls of New England-is forced, by a storm, to make an unscheduled stop at the Barnsley. What looks to be an unpleasant and uncomfortable detour soon turns into a night of mayhem and madness as knives begin to pop up... in the most unexpected places. As the storm builds and the body count rises, the survivors try to figure out who done it. And even more important- who's likely to have it done to them next?

CASTING:

4 Adult Males

8 Adult Women

CASTING DESCRIPTIONS:

JAKE TALBOT – (Mid to late 20s) Son of the owner of the Barnsley Inn. A sturdy, no-nonsense young man who takes care of the place for his mother. In good physical shape.

MARTHA TALBOT – (In her 50s) Owner of the Barnsley; cantankerous, short and plump with gray hair.

AGNES TATE – (Middle Aged, 40-50+) Meddlesome, antagonistic, sarcastic, inconsiderate. Everyone's murder victim of choice. Dressed expensively, but not in the best of taste.

CAROLYN PICKETT – (In her 20s) Niece and traveling companion for Agnes; attractive, unassuming, and smartly dressed in slacks, blouse, and jacket.

ELLEN HALSEY – (Late 20s to early 30s) The tour guide, attractive and professional.

MURIEL LAMPMANN – “Middle Aged (40-50+)” Petite and...ethereal. A true believer in the occult. An airhead of sorts, but very sweet. Traveling alone.

PATRICIA SIMPSON - (Middle Aged 40-50+) Reserved, nervous, always tense. Traveling alone.

TODD CURRIER – (In his 20s) Congenial, intelligent and well dressed in a casual way. He's traveling with his father.

LAWRENCE CURRIER – (Mid to late 50s) A college professor on sabbatical, doing research for a book. Widowed in the last couple of years. Distinguished and intellectual.

GRACE SHARP – (60+) A retired school teacher; she's petite and “fluffy,” and she looks helpless, which is by no means the case. Traveling with her longtime friend, Doris Brooks.

DORIS BROOKS – (60+) Retired nurse practitioner. Matter of fact and sarcastic. Traveling with Grace.

DONALD SCHULTZ – (In his 40s) The van driver. Physically either heavy or very thin. Morose.

CASTING NOTES:

Martha, Agnes, Muriel, Patricia, Lawrence, Grace, and Doris all have a good bit of flexibility as to age, as long as they work as a group. Grace and Doris are older and wiser. Lawrence is distinguished...and he is of an age that Muriel, Patricia and Agnes would find attractive, especially since he is available. He also has to be old enough to be Todd's father; and Martha has to be old enough to have a son Jake's age — or if you want to take her older, she could be Jake's grandmother with minimal script changes.

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