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WICHITA, Kan. -- Wichita Community Theatre will present Agatha Christie's *The Mousetrap* from Oct. 18-through Nov. 4, 2012.

"One of the most skillfully written murder mysteries ever produced" **New York Times**

Entering its 60th anniversary year, *The Mousetrap* is the longest running play, in the world, ever, and for a very good reason. The story was written by the world's most successful author Agatha Christie. It's one of the finest plays ever written and its ingenious plot engages the audience from start to satisfying finish.

Wichita Community Theatre will present Christie's *The Mousetrap*, October 18 – November 4. The play that became a legend started life as a 30-minute piece for radio. In 1947 the BBC had the idea of presenting Queen Mary with a special broadcast for her 80th birthday. In staunchly middle-brow style, the Queen requested a new play by Agatha Christie. The result was originally called *Three Blind Mice*, later changed to *The Mousetrap*.

A Mrs. Maureen Lyon has been murdered in London. A young couple, Mollie and Giles Ralston, have started a guest house in the converted Monkswell Manor. As their guests arrive, so does a fierce snowstorm. They become snowed in and hear of the London murder. Detective Sergeant Trotter arrives on skis to inform the group that he believes a murderer is at large and on his way to the guest house. Who will be the next victim? The play is directed by Mark Schuster.

Performances are at 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and 7 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets are \$14 or \$12 for military/senior/students. There is a special opening night ticket price of \$10 for all on October 18 only. Call for reservations 686-1282. Wichita Community Theatre is located at 258 N. Fountain.

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Wichita Community Theatre is an all volunteer non-profit community theatre organization established by Mary Jane Teall in 1946. We perform 8 shows a year plus various special events. More information about the theatre is at: www.wichitact.org.