

# Sherlockian Theatrical Society

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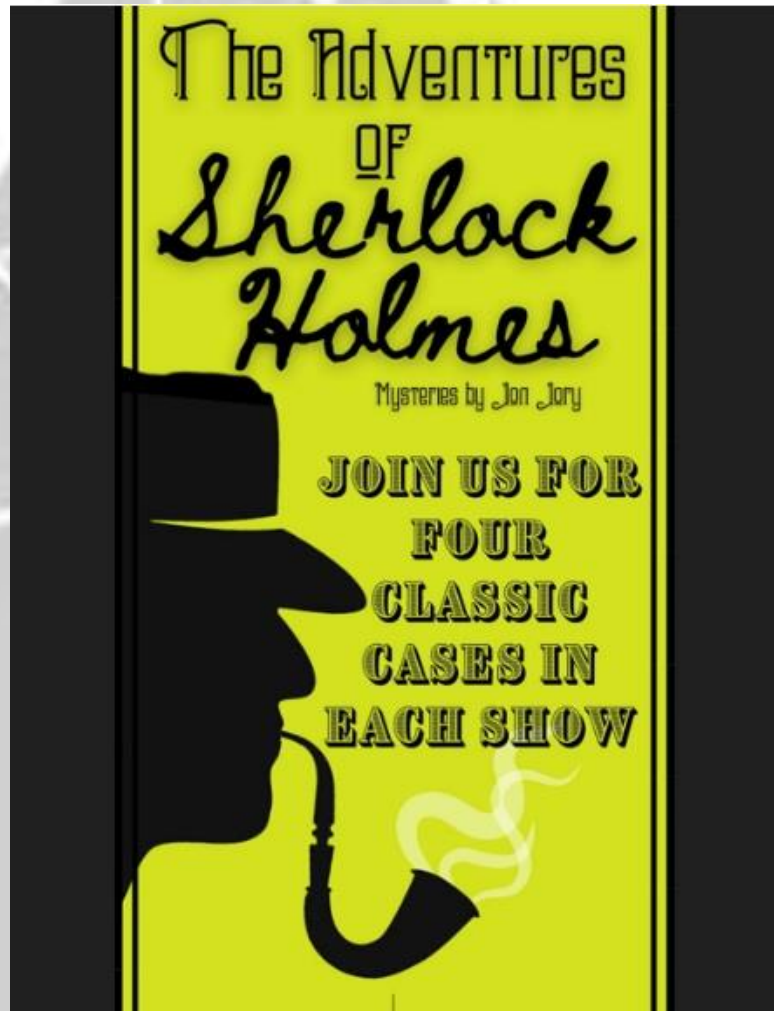
"The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes"

By Jon Jory

Sheridan, Arkansas

ON Friday, Uncritic #001 headed east to Sheridan, Arkansas, roughly 4 ½ hours away. It was a solo trip due to the simple fact I just discovered the play the two nights before and it required an overnight stay, I deemed it best to go alone. The drive was completely uneventful. I arrived a bit early and was treated, along with everyone else, to live jazz trumpet music.

When I asked if there was a program, I was told that I needed to scan the QR Code. I quipped that I drove all the way from Dallas just to get a program, which was a big lie. I must have been overheard because the next thing happening was me being handed a printed program. Then the play's director, Jamie Partain, came over and asked about the "I Am Sher-Locked" t-shirt I was wearing. This was her first play to direct. Once she discovered I was a Sherlockian, she invited me to meet the cast after the final curtain.



**T**his play is divided into 2 acts with 2 parts to each act. Each part is a Canonical story. The Adventure of the Blue Carbuncle, The Adventure of the Five Orange Pips, The Adventure of the Devil's Foot, and The Adventure of the Copper Beeches are the each solved by our hero or should I say once again our HERO. Sherlock Holmes (Summer Brinley) fills the role of Holmes with confidence and charm. Dr. Watson(s) (Tucker Dowler- Act 1, part 1/ Act 2 part 1; Karen Goins- Act 1, part 2/ Act 2 part 2) were equally effective and the audience did not care if Watson was played by a male or female. One thing the audience did care for were the violin interludes by Ian Goins. He played in between scenes and at intermission. It was a beautiful touch.

**T**he rest of the cast members filled in the many roles required for the 4 separate mysteries. Tyler Berg (Mr. Rucastle; John's father), Brittany Connelly (Little man; Mrs. Rucastle), Alex Johnson (Peterson; Vicar) Jackson Applegate (Henry Baker; Mortimer; Mr. Stopes) and Raylee Woodward (Violet; Land Lady). When not Watsoning, Mr. Dowler and Ms. Goins also played other roles. I know I am missing others but everyone desires the tip of the deerstalker for a fine production. Sadly, Sunday, November 19 is the final performance. The 1930's building was donated to the Grant County Community Theatre. This small operation produced a grand production. Hopefully, there will be more Holmes in their future.

**A**s a reminder, The Sherlockian Theatrical Society is a non-judgmental society. It is our belief that any play about Sherlock Holmes is worth attending. We love Sherlock Holmes and we love live theater, so nothing will deter us off of our chosen path. Support your local theater.

**B**reak a leg!!!

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