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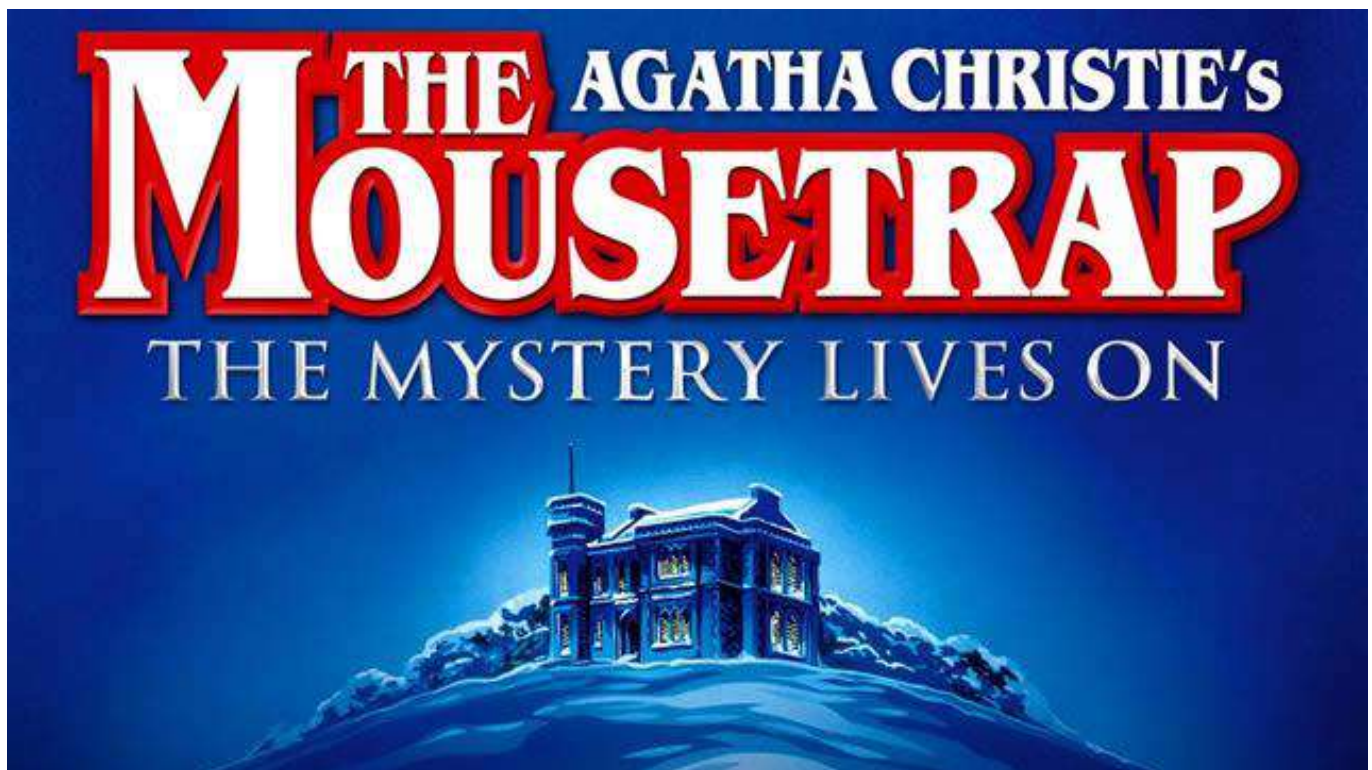
'The Mousetrap' At 64



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The name Agatha Christie will be familiar to many readers; the famous crime novelist died in 1976, but her legacy lives on, including her greatest work, if public approval is anything to go by. In 1947 she produced a radio play, there being no television for the masses in those days. It was called *Three Blind Mice* – after the famous nursery rhyme. In 1952, renamed *The Mousetrap*, the world premiere was held at the Theatre Royal, Nottingham. When Agatha Christie wrote the play, she gave the rights to her grandson; she also stipulated that it could not be made into a film until the West End version had been closed for six months. That day has never come, and may still be a long time coming.



The Mousetrap went on tour for **the first time** during the Queen's Diamond Jubilee year, 2012, has been on tour this year, and will also be on tour next year; the West End run will continue as usual. Back in 1967, the world's most successful songwriter asked if we'd still need him **when he was 64**. Paul McCartney is now 73, and still in demand. Next year *The Mousetrap* will be 64, and will likewise still be in demand as things go, because St Martin's Theatre is currently taking bookings up till January 7, 2017!

The play has been performed at this theatre for the past thirty-nine years. Currently there are evening performances Monday to Saturday with matinees Tuesday and Saturday.

One tiny point, if you do go to see it, please don't tell anybody the ending!

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