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The Highway to Hell Is Paved with Dolls: A Murder Mystery

Mesa, Arizona, August 21, 2023 — CaZo Dance Theater is proud to announce its all new dance production, the terrifying murder mystery, *Dolls*.

A road trip goes bad for Fran, Phoebe, and Axel when their car breaks down outside of a cemetery. They reluctantly seek help from Madeline and Malachi Dressel, a seemingly nice couple with a massive, and frightening, doll collection. As the night draws on, secrets are revealed, and the trio must find a way out before the Dressels turn on them in deadly fashion.

Though *Dolls: A Murder Mystery* takes inspiration from films like *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* and *Clue*, it is mainly inspired by the social media account, [All My Plastic Children](#).

“A few years ago, I came across this news segment on Facebook chronicling the life of Madeline and Malachi Dressel and their plastic family,” says CaZo director and choreographer Bridgette Borzillo. “Before it was over, I knew I had to create a show that revolved around this family.”

To accomplish this feat, Borzillo, along with her assistant director, Bryan Caron, came up with a story that not only includes a slate of sixteen new dance pieces, but will showcase aerial and ballet for the first time on the CaZo stage. “When Bridgette first brought the idea to me,” says Caron, “my first thought was this would be the perfect show to bring in these new dance styles we hadn’t yet been able to tap into. Luckily, it didn’t take much convincing.”

The show also retains the alternate endings idea from CaZo’s most popular show, *Once Upon a Bachelor*. “People love voting on different endings in *Bachelor*,” says Borzillo, “and it was only natural for a murder mystery to also include different endings the audience can choose from.”

Dolls: A Murder Mystery will be performed live at the Tempe Center for the Arts (700, W. Rio Salado Parkway, Tempe AZ) on Friday, October 20 at 8 p.m. and Saturday, October 21 at 4:30 and 8 p.m. Tickets are on sale now at www.cazodance.com or on CaZo Dance Company’s official Facebook Page. Prices are \$25 for general audiences, \$20 for students w/ID, \$50 for VIP (limited quantities), and \$20 for virtual tickets. Doors open 45 minutes prior to the top of show. As an added bonus, the real-life Dressels will also be in attendance.

“Many of the pieces are taken directly from the [Dressels Instagram](#),” says Borzillo. “So, if you take a look at some of their staged doll photos, you’ll know exactly what we have in store!”

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