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### Production

Director	Ross Gumbley
Co-Director & Choreographer	Annette Searle
Production Manager	Nick Hobden
Stage Manager	Bernadette Richardson
Costume Design	Nelleke Passchier
Lighting Design	Ian Harding
Set Design	Pim Van Duin
Sound Design	Jonathan Hill
Original Music	Amelia Hill
Properties	Alisdair Muir, Brenda Hayes
Wardrobe	Geraldine Clarke, Sue Mather
Lighting Rigging	Phillip Watson, Phil Dean
Poster	Pim Van Duin
Programme	Brenda Hayes
Front of House	Victoria Southgate, Gill Edwards Mary McKeown

### Acknowledgements

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# THE HOUND OF THE BASKERVILLES 2025

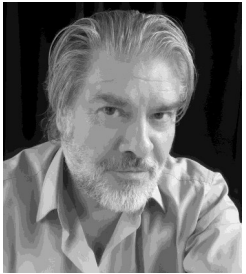
by **Sir Arthur Conan Doyle**  
Adapted for the stage by **Simon Williams**

Directed by **Ross Gumbley**

**7:30pm**  
**19-29 November**  
**Elmwood Auditorium**  
**[www.repertory.nz](http://www.repertory.nz)**

A Community Theatre production of The Hound of the Baskervilles  
by special arrangement with Joseph Weinberg and The Play Bureau

## NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR: ROSS GUMBLEY



*The Hound of the Baskervilles* when shed of its delicious comfy crime capers is an examination of the origin of evil. It pits the rational mind against a subconscious, pagan mindset that defaults to superstition when faced with things it can't understand. Sherlock Holmes, of course, is the ultimate rationalist. He believes that evil does not arise from demons, monsters or the undead, it comes, instead, from the minds and deeds of the living. Those menacing figures you will see tonight, skulking in the depths of Pim Van Duin's atmospheric set, represent that evil.

Author Conan Doyle (pun intended) does love torturing his characters. He takes those with an enlightenment frame of mind, who believe in a scientific explanation of the world, and puts them at the cusp of that understanding. He gets them to ask themselves what was that bump I heard in the small hours of the night? Was it the house contracting after the heat of the day? Or is it a demonic Hound on the oak staircase climbing straight out of the gates of hell? No... it's just a creak in the woodwork... isn't it?

It has been an absolute pleasure to bring this play to you. I have been so moved by the enthusiasm and talent of this company. From all the designers, composer and those who did the hard yards to realise the vision of this production; it has been nothing short of breathtaking to see their commitment, skill and love of the craft. And what a joy it has been to stalk this play down with these actors; their talent and joy of playing renewed my enthusiasm with every rehearsal. So, sit back and let them guide you through the depths of bleakest Dartmoor and through darkest chambers of the human heart.

Ross Gumbley

**Director**

**Co-Director & Choreographer: ANNETTE SEARLE**

Annette is a recognised dance and drama educator, choreographer and director. She studied at the New Zealand School of Dance winning the prestigious "Best All Round Dancer" on graduation. Since then, she has worked in both professional and recreational theatre and has a passion for choreography and movement for actors. She is a registered teacher, has a Bachelor of Education Degree and holds a Master's Degree in Visual and Performing Arts. More recent productions as choreographer and director for community theatre include *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof* and *Chook Chook* for Canterbury Repertory Theatre, *Annie* and *Fifty and Fabulous* for Riccarton Players and *Chicago* for North Canterbury Musical Society.



Having worked as choreographer on productions alongside Ross Gumbley for The Court Theatre including *Much Ado About Nothing*, *Side by Side by Sondheim*, *A Shortcut to Happiness* and *Mum's Choir*, Annette has enjoyed working alongside him once more. Reigniting the playful creative collaboration from past productions and supporting Gumbley to create his vision of this play has been a pleasure. She has enjoyed the enthusiasm of a dedicated cast who have embraced the devising process of ensemble movement with a refreshing openness.

Annette Searle



**Mark Darbyshire as Dr. Watson**



**Michele Johnson  
Dr Mortimer**



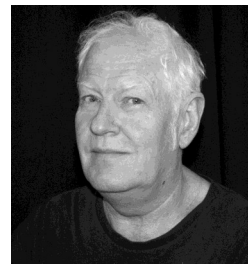
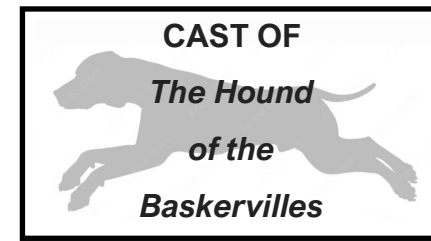
**Millie Rivers  
Mary**



**Claire Bruce  
Laura Lyons**



**Dimitri Gibara  
Shepherd, Retainer, Cabbie, Seldon, Sergeant**



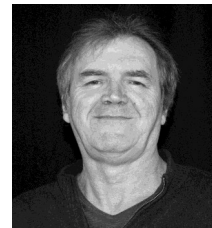
**Michael Adams as Sherlock Holmes**



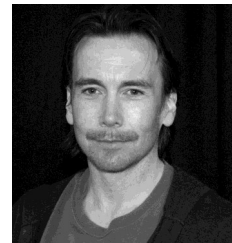
**Sydney Hogarth  
Barrymore**



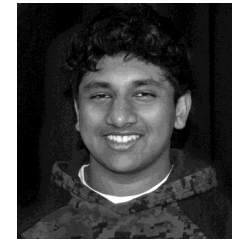
**Marilyn Ollett  
Eliza Barrymore**



**John Ashton  
Sir Hugo, Stapleton**



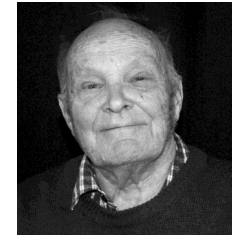
**Sebastian Boyle  
Sir Henry Baskerville**



**Aidan Rajapakse  
Cartwright**



**Jenny May  
Beryl Stapleton**



**Russell Haigh  
Sir Charles, Guard, Young Jim**