

Murder at Midnight (1931 film)

Murder at Midnight is a 1931 American pre-Code murder mystery whodunnit directed by Frank R. Strayer.^[1]

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Plot summary

A murder during a game of charades at a society party leads the police to begin the hunt through the guest-list for a motive and culprit, involving a changed will and booby-trapped telephones. The killer strikes several more times to conceal his or her identity, until all is revealed.

Cast

- Aileen Pringle as Esme Kennedy
- Alice White as Millie Scripps
- Hale Hamilton as Phillip Montrose
- Robert Elliott as Inspector Taylor
- Clara Blandick as Aunt Julia Gray Kennedy
- Brandon Hurst as Lawrence
- Leslie Fenton as Walter Grayson
- William Humphrey as Colton
- Tyrell Davis as The Englishman
- Kenneth Thomson as Jim Kennedy
- Robert Ellis as Duncan Channing

Post production

Footage from the film was re-used in *The Mirror Crack'd* (1980).

Preservation status

Murder at Midnight

Directed by	Frank R. Strayer
Produced by	Phil Goldstone (producer)
Written by	Scott Darling (dialogue) <p>Scott Darling (story)</p> Frank R. Strayer (story)
Starring	See below
Music by	Val Burton
Cinematography	William Rees
Edited by	John Rawlins
Distributed by	Tiffany Pictures
Release date	September 1, 1931
Running time	69 minutes
Country	United States
Language	English

- A print is preserved in the Library of Congress collection Packard Campus for Audio-Visual Conservation. A working/alternative title is *The Monster Kills*.^[2]

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External links

- *Murder at Midnight* (<https://www.imdb.com/title/tt0022172/>) on IMDb
- *Murder at Midnight* (https://archive.org/details/Murder_at_Midnight_1931) is available for free download at the Internet Archive

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