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Dr. Christopher Chan

Penny Slusher as Miss Marple and Cindy Gold in the Peninsula Players'
“Really, I have no gifts—no gifts at all—except perhaps a certain knowledge of human nature.”
- A Murder is Announced

Pre-Show Seminar Features Mystery Scholar Dr. Christopher Chan

Fish Creek, Wisconsin - Peninsula Players Theatre, in conjunction with its production of Agatha Christie’s “A Murder is Announced” by Leslie Darbon, will host Christie scholar Dr. Christopher Chan Friday, July 26 at 6:30 p.m. in the theater. Chan will speak about “The Queen of Crime,” Agatha Christie, and the creation of her character Miss Jane Marple. Tickets to performances are available; admission to the pre-show seminar is free.

Chan, a Lawrence University graduate and Agatha Christie website editor, will speak about one of the most endearing fictional female detectives. Christie based Miss Marple on her aunt and she doesn’t look like your average detective.

“Miss Marple is a white-haired old lady with a gentle, appealing manner – Miss Weatherby is a mixture of vinegar and gush. Of the two, Miss Marple is more dangerous,” Christie wrote in “The Murder at the Vicarage.”

Alongside Hercule Poirot, Miss Marple is one of Agatha Christie’s two most famous creations. Appearing in 12 full-length novels and 20 short stories (plus an earlier, recently-rediscovered, slightly different version of one story), Miss Marple is the most famous resident of the fictional village of St. Mary Mead.

Chan lives in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and earned his Ph.D. in U.S. history from Marquette University. He also earned a Master of Library and Information Science degree from UW-Milwaukee.

He teaches online graduate history classes and works as an International Goodwill Ambassador for the official Agatha Christie website, www.agathachristie.com. He also writes for the magazine Gilbert at chesterton.org, which specializes in book
and television reviews, in addition to writing historical and critical essays on Agatha Christie’s work.

“A Murder is Announced” performs through July 28 and is sponsored by A Friend of Peninsula Players and Dale & Margaret West.

Peninsula Players Theatre is committed to providing educational programming for the community. The Players has a long history of educational initiatives, including an intern program that dates back to the founding days of the theater in the 1930s. The theater offers backstage tours and post-show discussions as listed in the program and website. Contact the Box Office at 920-868-3287 for more information on free seminars, tours or to purchase tickets.

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**PRE-SHOW SEMINAR**

Join the Pre-Show Discussions at Peninsula Players

The Players will host Pre-Show Seminars before select performances of the 2019 season. Audiences are invited to arrive early for special seminars on topics related to the shows.

Pre-show Seminars begin at 6:30 p.m. in the theater. General Admission

**POST-SHOW DISCUSSION**

Join the Post-Show Discussions at Peninsula Players

Peninsula Players will host Post-Show Discussions after select performances in 2019. Audiences are invited to stay after the shows and chat with the actors, designers and directors.

**Thursday, June 20**
*A Trick of the Light*

**Wednesday, July 17**
**Seating, no tickets necessary.** Tickets are available for the 8 p.m. performances following the seminars.

**Thursday, June 20** – Join us for a discussion with *A Trick of the Light* playwright, Peter Moore, as he shares the process of having this play produced for the very first time.

**Friday, July 26** – Join us for a discussion with Dr. Christopher Chan as he speaks on “The Queen of Crime,” Agatha Christie, and the creation of her character Miss Marple.

**Friday, August 9** – Join us for a discussion with Peninsula Players actor, Penny Slusher, as she shares her experience as an intuitive reader helping people see more clearly into their lives and aiding them to find new ways of moving forward.

**Thursday, August 29** - Join us for a discussion with a member of the Door County Astronomical Society as they cover “measuring distances in the universe,” to which in real life *Silent Sky* lead character, Henrietta Swan Leavitt, contributed.

**A Murder is Announced**

**Tuesday, August 6**

**Ghost the Musical**

**Thursday, August 29**

**Silent Sky**

**Saturday, September 7**

**George Washington’s Teeth**

The Luna Bar is open 90-minutes before curtain.

Picnics are welcome, but to carry-in alcoholic beverages as it is a direct violation of Wisconsin state statutes.
Mother Nature is our lobby. 
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