



MURDER AT MARBLEHEAD




Ring In the New Year with Murder!

When a blizzard strikes the affluent beach community of Marblehead, Willowby — the trusted butler of Niles and Rose Palmer — is found dead in his room, a victim of foul play. It's up to Seattle policeman Marty Crane and his girlfriend, psychologist Hester Palmer, to determine which of the six snowbound guests could have committed this grisly crime.

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It's a blustery winter night in Marblehead, Massachusetts. Two wealthy socialites, Niles and Rose Palmer, have invited a veritable who's-who to their seaside estate in order to unveil Rose's new painting. But when the couple's trusted butler, Willowby, is found dead during dinner, fingers point and tempers flare. Who killed the butler? Was it the honorable Mayor? The Irish mobster? The hot-headed chef? The pompous art critic? Or could it have been one of the two hosts themselves?

It's up to Niles and Rose's daughter, criminal psychologist Hester Palmer, and her boyfriend, Seattle policeman Marty Crane, to find the killer and to bring to light all the secrets buried over the years in this quiet beach manor.

This *Frasier* prequel has it all: thrills and chills, smiles and tears, and a whodunnit that will leave you guessing until the very end!

Please contact co-writer and director Stephen Winchell (SAWinchell@gmail.com) for any and all inquiries.





HESTER PALMER

The cultured and bookish Hester Palmer expected a quiet trip home to show her paramour all of her old Massachusetts haunts. But a murderous criminal had other plans...



MARTY CRANE

Seattle policeman Marty Crane isn't used to the elegant life of the wealthy. He's never had a meal with more than one fork, and he's never solved a murder in the middle of a blizzard.



NILES PALMER

Stuffy and dismissive, Niles Palmer runs the Boston Museum of Fine Arts. He's rich, he's British, and he can't stand his daughter's new boyfriend.



ROSE PALMER

Niles' wife is an effervescent painter with a big heart and a bigger secret. Her new painting isn't the only thing that will be revealed during this eventful evening.



MR. BARON

Puffed-up with big words and a big personality, Mr. Baron is the Fine Arts critic for the Boston Herald.



MAYOR ACKERMAN

Mayor Ackerman is a consummate politician. But her rise to the top has left a trail of uneasy alliances and dangerous compromises.



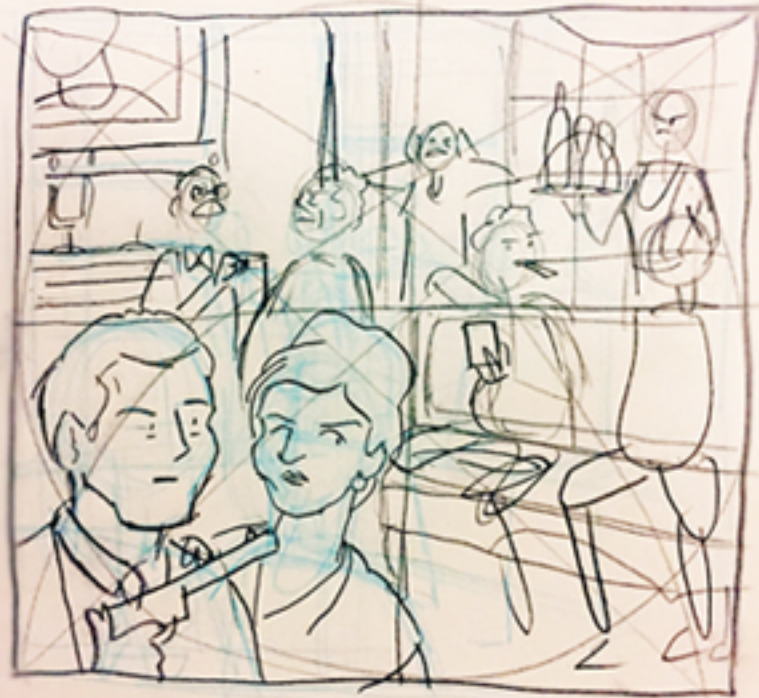
MR. CONNELLY

Connelly claims to be an honest citizen whoruns a coin-op business. You can't prove he's involved in anything illicit, but... he is.



JULIA DAI

Painter Julia Dai's career was ruined when she was outed as a Communist. Now a chef for the Palmers, Julia is a valued - and mysterious - employee.



'Death Comes to Duke's,' our last Marty & Hester audio drama, was a perfectly self-contained production. It told the story of Frasier's parents meeting, bickering, and falling in love all while trying to solve a murder in noir-Seattle. It ended with a kiss, an arrest, and a very tidy conclusion. When Lisa, the actress who plays Hester, told her mother we were making a sequel, she responded frankly with "Why?"

It's a good question, but the truth is we love these characters and this world too much. We just couldn't stay away. I'm so happy that we got to check back in with them and have another twisty mystery for them to solve.

Murder at Marblehead is obviously inspired by the board game and feature film 'Clue.' It also owes a debt of gratitude to the wonderful 'Frasier' farce "The Ski Lodge" and to my own experiences as a middle-class kid dating someone from an upper-class family.

Thank you so much for listening, and you can see and hear more at MartyandHesterMysteries.com.

- Stephen Winchell, January 2019

CAST

Wes Needham (Marty Crane)

Wes Needham was thrilled to summon the ghost of Marty Crane for another radio play murder mystery. Other artistic endeavors include the plays 11:11, Sordid Little Story, Frat, reWilding Genius and B-Side Studio, to name a few. You've maybe even caught him oh-so briefly keeping the streets safe from riff-raff on NBC's Chicago PD. When not acting, he's writing for Chicago's only late-night talk-show news-alternative, "Good Evening with Pat Whalen". These shows are great, but man, they take a lot of time, which is why he's eternally grateful for the loves of his life, Hannah and Maisie Lou.

Lisa Dellagiarino Feriend (Hester Palmer)

Lisa Dellagiarino Feriend writes plays and raises children. She is an associate member of the St. Sebastian Players Theatre Company and secretary of the board for Arts for All, Inc, a NYC-based nonprofit which brings artistic opportunities to children ages 4-19 who would not otherwise have access to the arts. www.arts-for-all.org

Adam McAleavey (Niles Palmer)

Adam is terribly excited to be involved in another Winchell project. He splits his time between occasional puppet nonsense with the Noah Ginex Puppet Co, and his own podcast Starlight Radio Dreams.

Gwynn V. Fulcher (Rose Palmer)

Gwynn V. Fulcher is a queer writer/performer living in Chicago. She's a staff writer for the award-winning podcast PleasureTown, and an Artistic Associate/Board Member with the Chicago Neo-Futurists. Gwynn has been a featured live essayist around town since 2011, a regular contributor at The Paper Machete, and is a multi-champion of WRITE CLUB Chicago. Gwynn appears as an ensemble player/adventurer on the serial actual-play RPG comedy podcast ShuffleQuest. She has appeared in Voyage Chicago Magazine, been published by Chicago Literati, Video Game Heart, The Skewer and Good Little Girls.

Rence Nemeh (Mr. Baron)

Rence Nemeh is Chicago-based comedian and drag queen. He has performed with The Second City Training Center's house company revue The Dark Side of the Buffoon, summer theatrical Totally Ridiculous, and can be seen in their directing showcase this March. He has performed his original drag music at the 2018 New York International Fringe Festival and will be back in New York performing in the Duke's Got Talent showcase this May. He directs the iO Theatre's musical house team, 1st Beat, and co-produces iO's annual Chicago Musical Improv Festival (CHIMIF). And yet, nothing could prepare him for his 1st ever audio play! He would like to thank Stephen, Adam, and the rest of the cast for making this possible, and would like to state for the record that he was not behind the Murder at Marblehead! Ya gotta' believe him!

Jess DeBacco (Mayor Ackerman)

Jess DeBacco is a Chicago based comedian born and raised in Carson City, NV. She's a graduate of Second City's writing, conservatory and house co. programs and recently understudied the role of Alex Bellisle in Second City's She The People in their UP comedy stage. She can be seen performing stand-up and improvising at various venues around town. Follow her on Instagram @jd_nv for show updates. Jess has never gotten to take part in anything like this and would like to thank Stephen for including her in such a fun, kind and unique project.

CAST (Continued)

Colin Hudson (Mr. Connelly)

Colin hails originally from Clearwater, FL. After moving to Chicago from Florida, he was quickly ensconced in the comedy community and appeared in many things that no one has ever heard of. Colin previously appeared in last year's critically acclaimed Heck with Nuns as Rufus Heckford. He can also do many impressions and can do a very convincing bird chirp.

Xu (Julia Dai)

Xu - pronounced like the footwear of your choice - is a classic tale of tech consultant turned comedian. She currently performs with her improv teams: Stir Friday Night, Ride or Die, 3 Asian Women on Stage at Once, and Moms- an iO Harold Team. She's studied at iO, Second City, the Annoyance, and Black Box Acting. And has performed around the city including Silk Road Rising and Steppenwolf. Her acting credits include the webseries PRE-EXISTING, and CODE SWITCHED. She is currently represented by Paonessa Talent - and an avid fan of all things murder and mystery.

Benjamin Vigeant (Police Chief)

BENJAMIN MATTHEW VIGEANT is the co-writer of Phil, a comic about a little boy with big ambitions.

Zack Mast (Announcer)

There are no small roles, and without Zack Mast's performance as the Announcer, the audience would have no sense of time and place. The whole play would be a mess! If you want more than a few lines from Zack, though, last year he wrote and performed American Carnage: A Solo Staged Reading of Select Screenplays by Stephen K. Bannon, a one-man show starring Steve Bannon himself, which debuted at Chicago's Annoyance Theatre and appeared in the New York International Fringe Festival. You can see that project at his website, zackmast.com

CREW

Stephen Winchell (co-writer, director)

Stephen Winchell is a writer and cartoonist from Chicago, IL. His work includes the feminist revenge webcomic 'Natty' and the 9-episode baseball audio drama 'Batman At Bat!' And also this!

Nathan D. Paoletta (co-writer)

Nathan D. Paoletta is a game designer and independent publisher who also happens to love 70s mystery crime shows. He has a game based on Columbo and a whole podcast about The Rockford Files, among other projects: check out ndpdesign.com for more

Buck LePard (co-writer)

Buck LePard is a Chicago comedian and writer. As a member of the sketch group Oh Theodora, he has performed at festivals in New York City, San Francisco, Chicago, Los Angeles & Boston, and opened for Hannibal Buress, Chelsea Peretti, and James Adomian. Buck is also the Operations Manager of the historic Music Box Theatre. Buck spent 5 months getting Netflix to restore a missing 30 seconds to Frasier Season 11, Episode 12. Buck once saw David Hyde Pierce in a CVS in Saratoga Springs, but decided not to bother him.

Adam Goron (Sound Design)

Adam Goron is an audio engineer/sound designer who's worked on all kinds of stuff, from film to podcasts. Murder At Marblehead is the second audio drama he's done with Marty and Hester; Death Comes To Duke's was the first. Adam lives in Chicago IL, and is currently halfway through season six of Cheers (he hasn't seen it before, but better late than never).

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You can check out the first Marty & Hester Mystery, ‘Death Comes to Duke’s!’ at MartyandHesterMysteries.com



‘Murder at Marblehead’ art by Stephen Winchell

‘Death Comes to Duke’s’ art by the supremely talented Shawn Bowers