

# COMPASS

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## AN AFROBEATS CELEBRATION

PS21 in Chatham, N.Y., opens its summer season with a program of Nigerian dance called “Re:INCARNATION” by Qudus Onikeku and QDance on June 3 and 4. “Re:INCARNATION” celebrates the cycle of birth, death and rebirth and Africa’s powers of reinvention in a show that draws on Afrobeats, Afro dances and Black aesthetics. Tickets are \$40 (\$35 for PS21 members) For tickets and for information on other programs scheduled for this summer, go to <https://ps21chatham.org/>.



PS21 opens its season with a program of Nigerian music and dance.

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## MYSTERIES: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

# Mystery Thrillers Onstage in New Productions

Anyone who is a fan of the long-running “Midsomer Murders” television series understands that any English Country Murder Mystery can easily be translated into a Litchfield County/Tristate region murder mystery. So many elements remain the same: Large estates (some with sheep), Wellington boots, Range Rovers, foxes screaming in the night, people riding horses.

So it makes sense that

two small regional theaters are staging classic murder mysteries this summer. The Sherman Players in Sherman, Conn., are performing an English Country Murder Mystery written by Anthony Shaffer called “Whodunnit” from now until May 21. The show opened on Broadway in 1982; its plot resembles that of the 1976 silly film “Murder by Death,” which starred almost every actor alive in that decade, plus the

author Truman Capote. Long story short: A large group of people with secrets they’d kill to protect are invited to an English country house, where the host reveals that he is preparing to blackmail each and every one of them. Obviously, murder and hilarity ensue. The large cast is made up of actors from Connecticut and New York. Remaining performances are May 13, 14, 20 and 21 at 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays with a 2 p.m. Sunday matinee on May 15. Tickets are \$24 for adults and \$12 for students. Reservations can be made

online at [www.shermanplayers.org](http://www.shermanplayers.org) or by calling 860-354-3622. The play “Deathtrap” is set in Long Island and holds the record for the longest running comedy-thriller on Broadway. I know it best from the 1982 film that starred British actors Michael Caine and Christopher Reeve. The action has been moved from The Island to Litchfield County in a new production by TheatreWorks New Milford. The show opened May 6 and performances continue until Saturday, May 28. Show times are 8 p.m. with a matinee on Sunday, May 22. Tickets are \$25 for reserved seating. Students and military personnel and veterans with ID will be admitted for \$20. Reservations can be made online at [www.theatreworks.us](http://www.theatreworks.us) or by calling 860-350-6863.

## FOUR SOLO SHOWS AT GB PUBLIC THEATER

The Great Barrington Public Theater begins its summer season with four plays performed in June and July at the Daniel Arts Center’s Liebowitz Black Box Theatre at Bard College at Simon’s Rock in Great Barrington, Mass. From June 3 to 12 the featured show is “Grief, the Musical ... a Comedy,” written and performed by Alison Larkin, with music by Gary Schreiner and directed by James Warwick. When you fall in love for the first time in your 50s and the worst happens, you have a choice. You can hide under the bed — or, you can write “Grief, the Musical ... a Comedy.” From June 16 to 19 Robin Gerber’s new play, “The Shot,” based on the life of Katharine Graham, Pulitzer Prize-winning publisher of The Washington Post, is on the stage. “The Shot” stars Emmy-nominated and award-winning

actress Sharon Lawrence in the role of Graham. “Leave Your Fears Here” (June 30 to July 10) is a memoir written and performed by stage and screen actor James Morrison. Morrison recounts his 10-year-old son Seamus’s journey from brain cancer diagnosis though his treatment and ultimate recovery. The final play in the GB Public Solo Fest is “The Bard The Beat The Blues,” a new solo piece that is a compilation of Shakespeare monologues, Beat poetry and live music composed and performed by Will LeBow. This piece will run in rotation throughout the Solo Fest (June 8 to July 8). Great Barrington Public Theater Artistic Director Jim Frangione will direct. Tickets are between \$20 and \$50. Order online and get more information at [www.greatbarringtonpublictheater.org](http://www.greatbarringtonpublictheater.org).

## SHARON PLAYHOUSE SEEKS 10-MINUTE PLAYS

Sharon Playhouse in Sharon, Conn., will once again host its Festival of New 10- Minute Plays, with performances planned for Sept. 16-18. The Writers Play-ground Festival is committed to giving the talented writers, performers, directors, and technicians in the Northwest Corner of Connecticut as well as the neighboring communities in New York

and Massachusetts a platform to showcase their talents in their own backyard and see their visions realized. The Playhouse also hope to empower people of all ages to use their voice and creativity as vehicles for self-expression. Submissions are due no later than June 15. For more information and for details on how to submit, go to [www.sharonplayhouse.org](http://www.sharonplayhouse.org).

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May 7<sup>th</sup> to June 25<sup>th</sup>  
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## Fragmentary Blue

May 15 - June 19

\*Reception: May 15, 2 - 4

\*Masks & proof of vaccination required

Cynthia Alberto, Mandy Cano Villalobos, Rosa Chang, Nancy Cohen, Ann Conrad Stewart '81, Joy Curtis, Beth Dary, Grace DeGennaro, Valerie Hammond, T. Klacsmann '01, Jordana Munk Martin, Caitlin Parker, Sarah Pettitt, Beau Bree Rhee, Dora Somosi, Alyce Santoro, Janis Stemmermann

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