Mysteries: Cynthia Hochswender

Mystery Thrillers Onstage in New Productions

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 "Who'd Un- nit" from now until May 21. The show opened on Broadway in 1962; its plot resembles that of the 1957 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're dying 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 $25 for adults and $12 for students. Reservations can be made online at www.sherman-players.org or by calling 860-354-3622.

The play "Deathtrap" is set in Long Island and involves the record for the longest running come-edy-thriller on Broadway. I know it best from the 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 The-atreWorks New Milford. I saw it first in 1982 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 con- tinue until May 20. Show times are 8 p.m. with a matinee on Sun-day, May 22. Tickets are $25 for reserved seating. Students and military personnel and veterans with ID will be admitted for $20.

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