



WEST ALLIS PLAYERS PRESENTS  
**PRESCRIPTION:**  
**Murder**

April 17 - 26, 2026

17th, 18th, 24th, 25th @ 7:30 pm  
19th, 26th @ 2:00 pm

BY WILLIAM LINK  
& RICHARD LEVINSON

Just, one more thing...  
step into Columbo's first case

DIRECTED BY  
PAT BREED KAISER



## ***Director's Notes***

I am a true Columbo/Peter Falk fan and was excited for the chance to direct this show. I can watch the first minute of an episode and tell you which story it is and can still watch the shows over and over again. Every time that I see a show I often find yet another little Columbo movement or gesture that I hadn't noticed before.

The "Prescription: Murder" script was first presented on the stage at the Curran Theatre in San Francisco on January 20, 1962. It was later made into a movie starring Peter Falk which first aired on NBC on February 20, 1968. That pilot episode was the start of a beloved series that ran from 1971-1978 and again from 1989-2003. All of those episodes are still running on COZI TV every weekend. I am grateful to our wonderfully talented cast who brought my favorite character to the stage. Journey back with us to the start of Columbo. Oh, just one more thing....

—Pat Breed Kaiser / Director

## ***From the Board President***

Welcome to second show of our 56th season! On behalf of The West Allis Players, I want to thank you for joining us as we raise the curtain on another show in our season of storytelling, murder, suspense, and community.

For over half a century, this group has been filled with volunteers who love the arts, our audiences, and the joy of live theatre. Whether you're a longtime supporter or joining us for the first time, your presence tonight means the world to us.

As a proud non-profit organization, The West Allis Players relies on the generosity of people like you to keep the magic alive. Ticket sales cover only a portion of our costs, and every donation—no matter the size—helps us build sets, design costumes, support local talent, and continue offering affordable, high-quality performances to our community.

And if you've ever wondered what it's like to be part of the show behind the scenes, we'd love to have you join us! Stop by the table in the lobby to learn more about how you can help with costumes, lights, set construction, ushering, or even stage crew. No experience necessary—just a love for theatre and a willingness to pitch in.

Enjoy the show, and thank you for being part of our story.

-Mary Beth Topf

*President, The West Allis Players*

## Cast



Miss Petrie

Andie Miller

Dr. Roy Flemming

Scott Fudali

Claire Flemming

Angie Rodenkirch

Sudan Hudson

Sophia Bernhardt

Lt. Columbo

Zach Sharrock

Dave Gordon / Delivery Man

Monte Driscoll

## Show Overview



### Act 1 Scene 1

Dr. Flemming's office. A Friday afternoon, late May

### Act 1 Scene 2

The Flemming apartment. That evening

**Intermission:** 10 Minutes

### Act II Scene 1

The Flemming apartment. The following Monday morning

### Act II Scene 2

Dr. Flemming's office. The following Friday afternoon

### Act II Scene 3

The Flemming apartment. Half an hour later

**Intermission:** 10 Minutes

### Act III Scene 1

Dr. Flemming's office. Late the same afternoon

### Act III Scene 2

Lt. Columbo's office. Later that night

### Act III Scene 3

Dr. Flemming's office. The following morning.



**Andie Miller** (*Miss Petrie*) After a nearly 30 year hiatus, Andie is thrilled to have followed the clues back to the theatrical stage to take on the role of the loyal and highly observant Miss Petrie. Andie's previous roles include Lucinda (*Into the Woods*), Lucy (*The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*), and Agnes/

Amanda (*Gypsy*).

**Scott Fudali** (*Dr. Roy Flemming*) Scott has been involved in over 25 community theater productions since 2006, and has worked with the West Allis Players since 2011. Some favorite roles have included Max (*Lend Me A Tenor*), Paul Bratter (*Barefoot in the Park*), Harry Monday (*Murder's Bad, but Monday Can Kill You*) and George Schneider (*Chapter 2*). Much love to his wife for all her support in his theater endeavors.



**Angie Rodenkirch** (*Claire Flemming*) Angie is thrilled to again be on stage with West Allis Players after having performed as Abigail Adams (1776) in 2022. Favorite recent roles around the area include: Mrs. Dashwood (*Sense and Sensibility*), *Mother Off Color* (one woman show), Chris (*Calendar Girls*),

Jenny (*Geezers*), Juror 10 (*12 Angry Men*), and Chelsea (*On Golden Pond*). When not on stage, Angie works as a School Counselor and Forensics Coach.



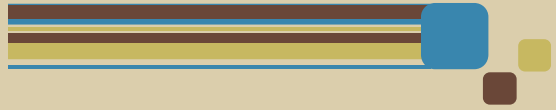
**Sophia Bernhardt** (*Susan Hudson*) Sophia is thrilled to be making her West Allis Players debut! Recently, Sophia performed as a vocalist in “Love & Legacy: A Night of Jazz Standards” and played Marcus/Boy Hamlet/Crier/Bernardo (*The Book Of Will*) with Lake Country Playhouse. Offstage, Sophia is a composer, pianist, and digital artist/graphic designer! She thanks Pat and Bill for the opportunity to be in this play, her wonderful castmates for their energy and kindness, and her parents for their constant support. @Sophia\_ann.B on Instagram.

**Zach Sharrock** (*Lt. Columbo*) Zach is beyond thrilled to be a part of this production and to bring the iconic Columbo to life. He would like to thank his grandparents and his aunt and uncle Shannon and Chad, for not only supporting his various artists endeavors, but for showing him Columbo all those years ago. Zach has previously been a cast member with Kohl’s Wild theatre and has recently been seen in *The 39 Steps*, *Boeing Boeing*, and *12 Angry Men* through Waukesha Civic Theatre. Enjoy the show!



**Monte Driscoll** (*Dave Gordon/Delivery Man*) Monte makes his triumphant return to the stage after being last featured as Whit in the Duluth Playhouse’s production of *Of Mice and Men*. He brings an enthusiasm to all he does and is ready to bring his confidence and walk-in-like-you-own-the-place mentality to Dave Gordon. However, he is most elated to sink his teeth into his characterization of the enigmatic Delivery Boy. Monte dedicates his performance to his wife Caroline and daughter Nola.

## *Production Team*



Director	Pat Breed Kaiser
Asst Director/Stage Mgr	Bill Kaiser
Production Coordinator	Mary Beth Topf
Scenic Designer	Scott Fudali
Master Carpenter	Scott Fudali
Lighting Designer	Pat Breed Kaiser
Sound Designer	Scott Fudali
Props	Bill Kaiser, Pat Breed Kaiser, Donna McMaster
Costume Designer	Shawn Anderson
Set Construction/ Decoration	Cast and crew
Lighting Technician	Pat Kaiser
Sound Technician	Pat Kaiser
Run Crew	Bill Kaiser Donna McMaster
Graphic Design	Kimberly Fudali
Social Media	Sopha Bernhardt
Box Office Manger	Michael Jablonski

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means is strictly prohibited.*

## Meet the Crew



**Pat Breed Kaiser** (*Director*) Pat is delighted to be directing and lighting this show. Being a Columbo nerd she truly enjoys re-creating what was the start of one of her favorite characters. As always, she especially enjoys working on a show when she gets the chance to work alongside of her husband Bill who has been her right hand and partner throughout the entire rehearsal process.

**Bill Kaiser** (*Assistant Director & Stage Manager*) Bill has worked alongside his wife Pat theatrically for the past 47 years. Bill is usually acting on stage and Pat is either doing the lighting or the music by conducting or playing flute in the show orchestra so working in directorial roles together to create this show is very special.



**Scott Fudali** (*Scenic & Sound Designer*) has been working on the technical side of theater for over 15 years designing lights, sound, and sets for different organizations including SummerStage of Delafield, Carroll University, Waukesha Civic Theatre and The West Allis Players. Some of his favorite designs have included *33 Variations*, *Music Man* and *42nd Street* at WCT; *Rumors* and *Jesus Christ Superstar* with the West Allis Players; and *Boeing Boeing* at SummerStage of Delafield. He hopes you enjoy the show and would like to thank his wife and parents for their continued support in all his theatre endeavors.

**Shawn Anderson** (*Costume Designer*) Shawn is excited to be back to costume her second show with the West Allis Players, following *The Stranger*. The most recent shows she worked on were *Cinderella* and *Seussical*. Stepping away from pure fantasy to *Prescription Murder* has been a nice return to modern apparel. Shawn is grateful to her family for their continual support as she helps to create these incredible shows.



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## ***Other Local Theater***

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If you love theater, why not show your support by checking out one of these other upcoming local community theater shows?

### *Give Me Moonlight*

Waukesha Civic Theatre—Black Box Production

April 17th thru April 26th

[www.waukeshacivictheatre.org](http://www.waukeshacivictheatre.org)

### *Nunsense*

The Haylofters Community Theatre

April 17th thru April 26th

[www.thehaylofters.com](http://www.thehaylofters.com)

### *All Shook Up*

Sunset Playhouse

April 23rd thru May 10th

[www.sunsetplayhouse.com](http://www.sunsetplayhouse.com)

### *Rainbow Fish The Musical*

Lake Country Playhouse—Academy

June 11th thru June 21st

[www.lakecountryplayhousewi.org](http://www.lakecountryplayhousewi.org)

### *Rock of Ages*

Carroll University

June 18th thru June 28th

[www.carrollu.edu](http://www.carrollu.edu)

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