

**Steel Beam Theatre Turns Up the Heat**  
**in the Gripping Thriller *Murderer*, January 13-February 5, 2012**

Opening with one of the most shocking scenes in theater, Steel Beam Theatre's production of the dark comedic thriller ***Murderer*** will keep audiences on the edge of their seats. Written by Anthony Shaffer, the author of *Sleuth* and of the screenplay *Frenzy*, ***Murderer*** tells the story of eccentric painter Norman Bartholomew, a failed artist so obsessed with famous murders he recreates them as a game. Or is it? In his living room in Dorset, England, Norman and his girlfriend Millie concoct a scheme to kill Norman's wife, Elizabeth, and the hair-raising twists and turns begin. ***Murderer*** runs Friday, January 13-Sunday, February 5. Show times are Fridays and Saturdays at 8:00 p.m. and Sundays at 3:00pm. There is free parking next to the Theatre, which is handicap accessible, and a variety of restaurants nearby. Single tickets are \$25 for adults, \$23 for students/seniors and \$22 for groups of 10 and over. For tickets, visit [www.SteelBeamTheatre.com](http://www.SteelBeamTheatre.com), or call 630-587-8521.

*Thomas Reed* of Algonquin plays Norman Bartholomew and *Sherry Winchester Schultz* of Aurora plays his wife Elizabeth. *Kathryn Meiners* of Bartlett plays Millie Sykes, Norman's mistress, and *Thom Thomas* of Wasco plays the tenacious Sgt. Stenning.

The director of ***Murderer*** is *Jack Schultz* of Aurora. Mr. Schultz took an early retirement from the corporate world to focus on the stage, television and silver screen. As an actor, Mr. Schultz has appeared as Jesus in *Jesus Christ Superstar*, Tom in *Glass Menagerie*, and has played everything from Elvis to Sweeney Todd. Mr. Schultz has also directed a number of productions, with a specialty in British bedroom farces like *Out of Order*, *Not Now Darling*, and *Run for Your Wife*. Mr. Schultz has also written several full-length plays, including *Eretica* and *Nicht Mara*, *The M Word*, *Alternatives*, *Gypsy Sting* and *Daddy's Little Girl*, in addition to writing the music, script and lyrics for four suburban cult classics: *Fat Bill's Roadside Café*, *Night of the Living Dead: The Musical*, *While You Were Out*, and an adaptation of *A Christmas Carol*. Mr. Schultz has also appeared in a number of industrial training films for NEA and Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory, and he plays "Lucifer" in an independent film titled *Heaven is Hell*, to be released in the summer 2012.

For 10 years, **Steel Beam Theatre (SBT)**, 111 W. Main Street, St. Charles, IL, has guided audiences and actors in shared experiences that help the participants more fully understand humanity. SBT's mission is to bring high quality theatrical entertainment, training and arts awareness to the Fox Valley community at an affordable price. Since 2001 Steel Beam productions have attracted thousands to St. Charles, and the Theatre is an anchor that adds

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