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The 'Kane Shadow' with Orson Welles: The 'Gas' Derler murder mystery on WGTD Radio Theater

Louis "Gas" Derler is dead, murdered – an actual murder that took place in Trevor, just west of Salem, back in 1930. In addition, there is a rumor that gangsters Al Capone and "Bugs" Moran are possibly involved.

A fictional storyline still based in part by actual events, "The Kane Shadow" will be broadcast 11:15 a.m. Sept. 24 before a studio audience in Room 120 of Gateway's Center for Bioscience and Information Technology on the Kenosha Campus, 3520-30th Ave.

"Add in Kenosha's own, Orson Welles, as a fictional detective, and 'The Kane Shadow' is a murder mystery jam-packed with shady characters and snappy dialogue that sounds like some Dashiell Hammett 'Sam Spade' story," said Steven Brown, who co-wrote the script with Michael Ullstrup. The two are also co-executive producers of the award-winning broadcast.

Brown said the actual Derler murder was never solved. This "Kane Shadow" story is partly fictional, with some typical and expected "editorial license" taken by Brown and Ullstrup.

Members of the 91.1 Players starring in "The Kane Shadow" include John O'Leksy as Orson Welles, who is joined in the cast by Julie Burton, Siefried Christoph, Todd Eaves, Ryan Farrell, Teresa Meyers, Andrew Potter, Thom Powers, Carolyn Recker, Bazzel Spencer, Cameron Spencer, Rene Thomas, Naomi Waisman-Zabler, Evan Zuhlke and Kathy Zuhlke. Live sound effects by Barbara Tylla will make the whole story come alive.

Audience members are welcome and admission is free. The audience should arrive by 10:45 a.m. In addition to being aired over WGTD, the program will also be streamed live online at WGTD.org. WGTD can be heard in Racine and Kenosha counties at 91.1 FM, in the Elkhorn area at 101.7 FM, and in the Lake Geneva area at 103.3 FM.

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