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More of the Best of the Valley May 9, 2019

The East Haddam Stage Company
with the Friends of the Ansonia Library
Presents

Osaki-san
William Gillette's Gentleman Valet
Yukitaka Osaki

written and directed by Kandie Karlie

It was 1888 when Yukitaka and his older brother Yukio came to visit the US from Japan. Yukio went on to become a leader in Japanese politics, and would give Washington DC the famous cherry trees.

Yukitaka, however, decided to stay.

Discover the story of the elusive brother behind the famous politician. Poignant and life affirming, here is what you may not know about Victorian actor William Gillette, creator of the role of Sherlock Holmes for the stage, and the quiet soul who worked by his side for almost 40 years.

Sunday, May 19, 2:00pm

Ansonia Library, 53 South Cliff Street, Ansonia

FREE!

Call 203-734-6275 to reserve your seat – space is limited.

Appropriate for ages 12 and over The show runs approximately 45 minutes.

About the actor:

Taku Hirai was born in Kumano city, Mie prefecture in Japan. He came to the U.S. as an agricultural exchange student. He attended the University of Nebraska where he found his passion for theatre.

He took acting classes with the American Conservatory Theatre and acting teacher, Ed Hooks. After moving to New York, he studied acting at the HB Studio and Stella Adler Studio of Acting.

Taku's theatre credits include: Hitoshi in The Crossing; Icky in Design Geek; Dr. Deuce in The Mummy and the Boddhisatva; and Samurai in The End of an Era.

Taku lives in Yorktown Heights, NY with his wife and daughter.

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