

THIN AIR School Program: Grades 4 – 6 School Stage

Featured Writer: MARTY CHAN
Performance Times: Wed, Sept. 21, 1:00 – 2:15 pm & Thurs, Sept. 22; 10:00am – 11:15am
Fee: \$2/person, advance registration required (info at www.thinairwinnipeg.ca)
Info/Registration: <http://www.surveygizmo.com/s/122422/school-stage>

Marty Chan writes fantastic books for young readers—from mysteries to comedies—and he knows how to share them too!

MARTY CHAN has established himself as a playwright, a TV screenwriter, and a mystery writer for kids. All of his work explores issues of racism in a Canadian context, from the Asian kid who is bullied in small-town Alberta to the history of the Asian presence in Canada. He has written a wildly successful series of mysteries, from *The Mystery of the Frozen Brains*, which won the City of Edmonton Book Award, to last year's *The Mystery of the Cyber Bully*. He wrote the hit play, *The Forbidden Phoenix*, which ran at MTYP in 2010. This year, he launches a new series featuring Barnabas Bigfoot, a sasquatch with embarrassingly small feet. Marty is currently the writer-in-residence at the Edmonton Public Library.

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The Mystery of the Cyber Bully (Thistledown Press, 2010)

How do you find a bully who lurks on the internet and lashes out at helpless victims? Intrepid kid detectives Marty, Remi and Trina must answer that question if they're to stop a cyber bully targeting their classmates. In their toughest case yet, the sleuths must follow the electronic trail to their enemy, but the cyber bully outsmarts them at every turn, leaving the trio to wonder if they've met their match. When a ploy to expose the culprit goes wrong, Marty does the unthinkable and loses Remi's trust. Not only does Marty have to find the cyber bully, but he also has to find a way to win back his best friend.

Barnabas Bigfoot: A Close Shave (Thistledown, 2011)

A Close Shave is an action/comedy about Barnabas Bigfoot, a sasquatch with unfortunately very small feet for a sasquatch. A scientist nabs Barnabas and takes him away from his mountain home so he can experiment on the frightened sasquatch. Barnabas makes a bold escape and finds himself in a shopping mall, where he must learn to blend in with humans until he finds a way home.

Previous Marty Chan Mystery Series titles:

The Mystery of the Frozen Brains (Thistledown Press, 2004)
The Mystery of the Graffiti Ghoul (Thistledown Press, 2006)
The Mystery of the Mad Science Teacher (Thistledown Press, 2008)

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