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Peninsula Behavioral Health is elated to announce this year's keynote speaker...

# Sherman Alexie!

Please join us for dinner & an evening of poignant wit & humor with the renowned author, filmmaker, and poet.



**May 5th at 7 Cedars, Blyn**

Cocktail Hour 5:00 pm

Program starts at 6:00 pm

**Buffet Menu**

Carved Roast Beef  
Seasoned Roasted Red Potatoes  
Spinach Salad with Raspberry Vinaigrette Dressing  
Pasta Salad with Light Vinaigrette Dressing  
Seasonal Vegetables  
New York Cream Cheesecake w/ Berry Sauce  
Chocolate Mousse

*Tickets are \$95 and may be purchased*

*Free Shuttle Service!*

Online: [peninsulabehavioral.org](http://peninsulabehavioral.org)  
By phone: 457-0431  
In person: 118 E. 8th St. Port Angeles

Our generous friends at 7 Cedars Casino are providing free shuttle service between Port Angeles and Blyn. **Reservations** before April 30th are required!

If you cannot attend but wish to make a charitable donation, you may do so online, by phone or mail. We are most grateful for your support!

Corporate and Individual Sponsorships are also most welcome!

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# Sherman Alexie

**“EMOTIONALLY SPRING-LOADED, LINGUISTICALLY GYMNASTIC,  
AND DEVASTATINGLY FUNNY” ~ SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE**

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Sherman Alexie, the son of a Spokane Indian mother and a Coeur d’Alene Indian father, was born hydrocephalic (with water on the brain) and at six months underwent a brain operation from which he was not expected to survive.

He did more than that. Despite the resulting childhood seizures, Alexie turned out to be an advanced reader and was purportedly reading novels like *The Grapes of Wrath* at the age of five.

Upon high school graduation in 1985, Alexie attended Gonzaga University on a scholarship from which he transferred to Washington State University after two years to study pre-med.

Fainting spells in anatomy class convinced Alexie to change his major, a decision reinforced by a love of poetry and an aptitude for writing. He graduated with a bachelor's degree in American Studies and shortly thereafter received the Washington State Arts Commission Poetry Fellowship and the National Endowment for the Arts Poetry Fellowship.



Alexie's first collection of short stories, *The Lone Ranger and Tonto Fist-fight in Heaven* (1993) won him a PEN/Hemingway Award for Best First Book of Fiction. He followed up with a first novel, *Reservation Blues* (1995) and a second, *Indian Killer* (1996), both award winners.

In 2010, Alexie was awarded the PEN/Faulkner Award for his short story collection, *War Dances.*, and the awards keep piling up. All and all, he has published 25 books including his first picture book, *Thunder Boy Jr.*, and young adult novel, *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian.*