

# "Of Dolls and Murder" Baltimore Premiere



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[Welcome To Baltimore, Hon!](http://welcometobaltimorehon.com) hosts the area premiere of [an award-winning documentary by Minneapolis-based filmmaker and author Susan Marks that features the Nutshell Studies of Unexplained Death](http://www.ofdollsandmurder.com/) [.](http://welcometobaltimorehon.com/places/museumsattractions/the-nutshell-studies-of-unexplained-death)

*Of Dolls and Murder* uses the Nutshell Studies as a springboard to explore forensic science, from CSI to the Body Farm at University of Tennessee in Knoxville. Marks also followed Baltimore City homicide detectives as they worked a case.

At the center of the documentary are the Nutshell Studies and Frances Glessner Lee, the remarkable woman who made them in the 1930s and

40s. On display at the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, the hand-crafted dollhouse-size models reconstruct actual crime scenes. They were used—and still are—to train cops in an annual seminar.

John Waters loans his voice by narrating *Of Dolls and Murder*.

The documentary will be shown for the first time in the Baltimore area on June 5 at 7 p.m. at the Hollywood Theatre. A question-and-answer period with the filmmakers and members of the medical examiner's office follows the filming. Tickets can be **purchased in advance online** <http://ofdollsandmurder.bigcartel.com/product/tickets-to-of-dolls-murder-screening> for \$8 and will be available at the door for \$10.



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