



# Murder Mystery Shows THE AMBUSH More Than Just a Surprise

THEY improv: Comedy is Murder

**THEY improv** is one of the few murder mystery companies in the country that specializes in **Ambush Murder Mysteries**. This is a whole new way to handle entertainment with the focus not being on a performance but rather shifting the focus to creating odd situations that people feel is real. From a man on a date being confronted by his wife, to a marriage proposal gone awry, to lies exposed in public, to peoples' secrets being revealed, all the elements that would violate social conventions are fodder for entertainment.

People are always entertained by seeing other people go through a series of problems that they, themselves, are happily averting. As eavesdroppers into this world, the audience sits with rapt attention while pretending not to be a witness to the mayhem. As passive observers, the audience members are taken on a ride as they are constantly tempted to enter this maelstrom of activity with the actors walking that fine line to not go so far as to force audience intervention.

The evening begins simply enough with regular people having a regular time and enjoying the party. Our personnel have a logical reason for attending. For example, let's say that there is a stand-up comedian who is there to perform for the evening and he is there with his girlfriend. They are enjoyable guests and are having a nice time chatting during cocktails. Sitting down to dinner, everything seems to be normal and everyone accepts them for who they are supposed to be. At the serving of the main course, however, the comedian's wife appears. This shakes everyone in the room who had assumed that the comedian was not married. And now, as the comedian attempts to get away with his deceit, everyone in the room now is complicit in his activity when they don't tell the wife what's going on.

When the comedian takes the stage to perform, he makes a toast to his audience, takes a drink and dies. We quickly let them know that it is part of a murder mystery and people begin to laugh and have a good time. Audience members are then dragged unwittingly into the mystery as the detective attempts to unwind the events of the evening and see just how much the people in attendance saw. These audience members are identified through their willingness to play along and usually are asked to perform some funny task to prove that they aren't the guilty party.

This is just one example of a sample plot, and we often custom design a plot line for your group. The generalized approach is simple. We first raise the tension in the room and then release that tension in comedic fashion. This gives people permission to laugh and let their hair down. So we find scenarios that will raise the tension in the room and make people nervous so that when they realize that the situation isn't real they can relax and have a good time for the rest of the event and enjoy reliving the evening with their new friends.

Our Murder Mystery Shows run approximately 2-3 hours and prices range depending on the number of cast members, required equipment and size of the audience. We have had the events run much longer or shorter based on client needs and we are easily able to adjust accordingly.

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