



Murder Mystery Shows THE COLUMBIA EXPOSITION A Group Murder Mystery

THEY improv: Comedy is Murder

While our **Cambridge Solution** has become extremely popular as a choice for medium-sized groups, larger groups started requesting options for their events. Likewise, some venues that wanted an event to showcase their space, which includes museums, resorts, mansions, and other amazing spaces, the need to have characters distributed around the available space became a thing. We even did this at a horse race track during the races and on golf courses during shotgun tournaments! As the Cambridge Solution was Harvard Smart when we came up with it, we developed **The Columbia Exposition** to combine solving these two needs in a way that only a program named for an Ivy League school could achieve.

Using four to ten participants from your group, the characters get stationed in various locations and people are given a time-frame to ask them questions. Teams develop strategies to interrogate suspects, assign tasks to teammates, triage priorities, and debate the answers. This combines fun, team building, strategic thinking, and problem solving.

This is often done as a cocktail or after the meal event. Part of the process is for people to be around the space and for people to get up from their tables to interact. That is less likely while people are eating. It works very well, though, with passed appetizers, food stations, or during dessert. They are not only trying to win, but they also vote for who did the best job of acting. Prizes are provided to everyone at the winning table winner and the best actor.

Question 1: How many facilitators?

With one facilitator you have a professional from **THEY improv** to walk your group through the event. This will allow you to make certain that the rules are explained and that your various needs are attended to. Our main facilitator's goal is to make your life easier. In fact, we refer to our main facilitator as the Director. As a Director, our facilitator does a quick 10-15 minute workshop with your people to prepare them. Due to the distributed nature of this event, an Assistant is almost a necessity. This allows for them to go through the area to make sure all is well as the characters answer questions.

Question 2: What theme for the party?

THEY improv customizes most of these events and can come up with a variety of themes to fit most every occasion. From themes taking place in various times in the past, such as a Speakeasy from the 20s, with big hair bands of the 80s, at disco in the 70s, the death of British spy 008, to events taking place with celebrities, children's themes or simply at a millionaire's mansion, **THEY improv** can get your group going and enjoying a night of murderous mayhem.

Question 3: How long will the event take?

The events vary in length, usually 45-90 minutes, depending on the group size and your desire. We can adjust the length by simply changing the time made available to speak and accommodating your needs.

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