



Murder Mystery Shows

THE GALA MURDER

THEY improv: Comedy is Murder

For larger events that need a more elegant touch, **THEY improv** has created a whole new genre, the **Gala Murder**. This genre combines elements from more traditional themed events, such as *Tony and Tina's Wedding* or the *Irish Wake* with a murder mystery. Instead of simply immersing an audience within a scenario with funny things happening around them, **THEY improv** invites the audience to become part of the plot. The issues between the characters and their antics are all clues that help the audience determine the culprit.

The evening begins during cocktails. This is the opportunity for the audience to get to know the characters involved in a pressure-free environment. The audience learns details about their lives and maybe can start to see where issues and conflicts might occur.

Seated for dinner, a speech explains how the evening will work. The audience witness to fights and arguments between the characters around the room, often being repeated so that everyone will see the same information. Some interaction may happen on stage or from a dais. The conflicts and problems become more readily apparent and some audience members might be pulled into the mayhem. Peripheral characters may also indicate to others the problems that exist, may create red herrings and may simply energize the audience with activity.

After the tension has had time to build, between the main course and dessert, the murder occurs. This can take many forms, though poisoning is often a favorite as it allows for more suspects and gunshots in public aren't as fun as they used to be!

Our detective then takes over and pulls up members of the audience to begin his investigation. He keys in on people that had the opportunity to have valuable information, or maybe just important people to the organization we're performing for. The interrogations are light-hearted and designed to amuse rather than embarrass. Through these interrogations, the basic plot points are reiterated for the audience and the suspects walk around answering questions people may have. Either working as individuals, or by table, people provide their solutions to the crime, with the best and most accurate solution winning not-very-expensive prizes.

Throughout the evening, **THEY improv's** ability to adjust on the fly is unique. **THEY improv** is one of the few in the country that can change the murderer during the course of the evening to incorporate audience input and reactions. This leads the audience to appreciate the performance more and presenting the actors in a more favorable light as they are given greater freedom.

Our Murder Mystery Shows run approximately 2-3 hours depending on other elements of the evening and prices range depending on the number and experience level of cast members, required equipment, costumes, and size of the audience. The time is generally inclusive of the cocktail hour, dinner, the murder happening at the beginning of dessert with the investigation lasting 45-90 minutes. This obviously adjusts on a case by case basis and there are many more options for the event including different methods used to resolve the crime.

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