

# Murder Mystery Shows – The Straight Murder

While **THEY improv** has created new and innovative approaches to Murder Mystery Dinners, the more traditional approaches are also available. This involves 4-7 actors entertaining a members of a country club by creating scenes that are never seen in real events. This can range from a slap in the face to screaming across the room that someone will pay for what they have done. Usually such confrontations are done with a comedic bent leading to the audience laughing at the conflict rather than acting out of genuine concern for the actors' safety.

But even within the standardized genre, we have our own unique approach and can actually perform a wide array of approaches depending on the changing circumstances of audience, venue and reactions. **THEY improv's** performers are trained improvisers and are prepared to adjust the plot lines to accept things that audience members say as fact and help get audience members directly involved in the action. This means that the traditional murder mysteries are at a whole new level.

This ability to adjust on the fly is unique, with **THEY improv** being one of the few in the country that can change the murderer during the course of the evening to incorporate audience reactions rather than spending an evening trying to get a plotline back to where it was supposed to be. This leads the audience to appreciating the performance more and making the actors be in the moment.

Audience members are dragged unwittingly into the mystery with the characters weaving tales of deceit and murder. These audience members are identified through their willingness to play along and enjoy and the parts are written such that their denials of their identities play into the fun. These audience members can also be prime suspects and carried along with the investigation.

Our players sit and participate in the party just like your partygoers and entertain at the tables as well as when they take center stage, or alternatively our actors can present more of a stage performance. This flexibility helps **THEY improv** to be able to provide entertainment for events ranging from small family gatherings to large country club galas of 200 or more. Though we can serve any sized group, it is vital that we know the rough size of the audience in advance to ensure we are prepared to serve your group.

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. The time is generally inclusive of the cocktail hour, dinner, the murder happening at the beginning of dessert with the investigation lasting about 45 minutes. This obviously adjusts on a case by case basis and there are many more options for the event.

Every country club event tends to be customized directly to the members involved. We do have some more common theme such as a 1920s murder, mobsters, wedding parties, election celebrations, Hollywood, etc. We talk to you about your venue and attendees and try to come up with the best approach that works for you, whether it is one of our more standard plots or something unique that we develop just for your country club.

Contact **THEY improv** to find out how hiring **THEY improv** is a winning proposition for everyone, even the victim! Email **THEY improv** at [info@THEYimprov.com](mailto:info@THEYimprov.com) or by phone at (866) 219-4386.