

MURDER MYSTERY DINNER THEATRE WITH

MO Productions

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Everything you
needed to know about
Murder Mystery
Dinner Theatre
and MO Productions

And Remember...

You'll Die Laughing!!



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MO Productions

Mission Statement

MO Productions seeks to provide unique, quality comedic entertainment for a variety of age groups at a reasonable price.

It is our goal to include and engage every audience member during the course of a performance, and to get at least one audible laugh out of each of them. We will try to 'recognize' as many audience members as celebrities as we can.

We will create unique, insanely funny characters who will entertain and annoy as needed. We will take established pop culture icons, and spoof them to the extreme.

We will have at least one "death" per show. We will have corny sound cues and melodramatic theme music to underscore some dialogue. At least one actor will wear a wig.

MO Productions will provide something people will want to recommend to their friends, family and business colleagues. Our shows will be something they plan on attending again and again.

Who is MO Productions?

MO Productions was created and is helmed by Matthew D. Osmun. Matthew holds a Bachelor's degree in theatre from Ithaca College, and has been performing, directing, writing and producing murder mystery dinner theatre for over nineteen years. He is the co-founder of White Rose Productions in Pennsylvania, and served as their Director for five years before relocating to Colorado in 2007, where he has formed a sister company, MO Productions. Matthew continues to uphold the standards White Rose is based on, and seeks to provide unique, quality entertainment!

MO Productions' target audience is anyone who enjoys a wacky time and a good laugh. Our shows are designed to include a full evening of dinner and entertainment, lasting about 2½-3½ hours from seating to finish, for groups of approximately 30-150 people. We are the perfect entertainment for a restaurant, banquet hall, corporate party or a charity fundraiser. Our shows are designed to be intimate and interactive with every audience member, and allow total strangers to have a laugh with each other. The shows are usually rated PG-13, spoof and poke fun at a number of topical subjects and pop culture icons. You provide the space and the food, and we will provide the laughs!

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What is Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre?

We write and produce original interactive dinner theatre, wherein the plot someone dies, and it's left to the characters (and the audience) to figure out Whodunit?! There is no stage, as the show is performed inside the dining area, as the actors walk around all over and interact with the audience. Some audience members become wrangled into really participating and given a role to play, often with lines to say that we provide to them. There is often the opportunity for group participation as well, depending on the show. The shows themselves often spoof pop culture icons, but also have original characters as well. The focus is on the comedic aspect, and not so much plot. We create characters that are caricatures, and incorporate topical and local humor into the jokes, which our audiences love. Outrageous costumes and wigs are a staple for us.

The evening consists of three acts, with salads served before Act I. The Stage Manager comes in early to set up the room 45-60 minutes prior to seating the audience, and then is there to help greet patrons as they sit down. We provide themed music through our sound system to help create the desired atmosphere of the evening. As the Stage Manager mingles and selects the audience participants, some characters come out and improv with the audience as they get settled in, and again as they are eating, to get them in the context of the show. After salads are cleared, Act I is performed.

Act I consists of introduction of characters and exposition, and generally sets up the murder to happen. Some wacky event usually takes place that involves some, if not all, audience members, and most times, someone dies by the end of the act. The body is removed from the room if needed, and a break is announced. There is an extended entr e intermission between acts.

Act II brings the characters back in, and the mystery begins to unfold. Was it an accidental death? Was it murder? A detective emerges from the group, and clues are uncovered. The detective starts to question what happened, and points out possible suspects in the case. At the end of the act, the audience has the opportunity to question the suspects, which are not only our actors, but often a few audience members themselves. The audience is then instructed to fill out their Whodunit ballots with whom they think the killer or killers are, the method and motive, and to include their name so we can recognize them. Another break is announced so the audience may fill out their ballots as they enjoy dessert, and our actors come back in to collect them.

After the ballots are collected and tallied, Act III is performed, which is the solution to the show. The murderer is revealed, and most times arrested by the detective after they confess (during which they reveal the method and motive). A wrap-up takes place for the rest of the characters, and the show ends.

What is Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre? cont'd

The timetable for the event is usually this:

- ◆ Seating begins 30 minutes before Act I starts. Salads, rolls, etc. are served immediately after everyone is seated.
- ◆ When the salads have been cleared, approximately 30 minutes after seating, Act I begins. Act I is usually around 45 minutes.
- ◆ Entrées are served immediately after Act I ends. The meal period intermission is approximately 45 minutes, depending on the size of the audience.
- ◆ Act II will begin after entrées are cleared, and is usually 30 minutes.
- ◆ Dessert is served after Act II ends. The dessert/ballot intermission is usually around 15 minutes. Dessert does not need to be cleared.
- ◆ Act III lasts about five to ten minutes.
- ◆ The Curtain Call/Prizes last about five minutes.

Total time for the evening from seating: Approximately 3 hours.

So, a seating time starting at 6:00 would result in the evening ending around 9:00.

**** Home Parties are usually a shortened version of the above timetable, with less time needed for entrées. We can also perform the show with no actual meal being served, but just light refreshments. We do need some time in between acts for costume and prop changes, etc.****

Other kibbles and bits...

- ◆ Any Musak system needs to be turned off in the dining area for the duration of the event.
- ◆ Please do not put candles on the tables. The room will get uncomfortably warm if you do! Also, it prevents us from having a total blackout when needed.
- ◆ The Host(ess) or Waitstaff person in charge should work and communicate with our Stage Manager regarding seating, clearing, or anything that directly deals with the running time of the event.
- ◆ Any special event ceremonies/raffles/awards for a private function should take place after the performance ends, so as not to interrupt the flow of the evening.
- ◆ We highly discourage open bars or cash bars. Beverages should come from a server. If you must have a cash bar, we ask that it only be open in between acts.

What MO Productions Provides for a Show

- One (1) Master Copy of the Program, Whodunit Ballot, and Audience Survey in .PDF format and/or two (2) Master Copies of each in hard copy.
- One (1) Publicity Photo hardcopy if requested, and one (1) .jpg copy for web use
- Show Description
- Fun Prizes for the Most Accurate and Most Funny Ballots
- Murder Mystery Magnets for the audience participants and winners
- Music/Boom Box system
- Posters, logos and graphics for advertising are available upon request

What the Client Needs to Provide for a Show

- Quality double-sided copies of the Program, Whodunit Ballot, and Audience Survey
 - (MO Productions can provide copies for a fee)
- Pencils for filling out Whodunit Ballots (golf pencils recommended) at each seat
- Advertising for the event
- A secure Green Room for the Actors to occupy when not performing
- A quality Prize for the Most Accurate Ballot (a gift cert. for another show or just for the facility is recommended)
- A meal for each Cast Member, preferably provided in the Green Room
- A designated area for smoking outside the dining area (optional)

What Meals and Pricing are Recommended

(This is what has worked best in the past)

- Salad/Rolls ready upon arrival, with 2-3 dressing choices
- Entrée choices of a Beef, Chicken and Fish dish, with Vegetarian choice available
- 1-2 Dessert choices, plus coffee/tea
- \$40-\$65/person, including tax and gratuity, for the above mentioned. Bar bill and gratuity are separate
- Buffet option may also be implemented, to lower pricing, if desired.

Our Current Show

Available September 2011 thru August 2012
(Dates subject to change)

Will & Grace: Who Killed Stan?

Cast Size – 4 Actors, 1 Stage Manager

Show Description:

Grace has entered Will into a bake-off competition called Cupcake Combat, but Will thinks he's appearing on *Cupcake Wars*. He's even further surprised to learn that Karen and Stan are the sponsors and that Jack is the host of the show. Karen and Stan are also judges for the competition and Rosario is on hand to make sure everything moves along smoothly. Will reluctantly agrees to stay in the competition even after finding out about how he was tricked into the whole thing.

The competition gets underway and we meet the other two contestants, the third guest judge and also some familiar faces as classic comedy and hijinks ensue. Who we don't see is Stan, who is sitting in his private dining room anxiously awaiting to eat cupcakes and anything else that comes his way. Just before the winner of the competition is announced, Stan suddenly dies! Two detectives make themselves known and begin an investigation for a grieving Karen.

Due to sexual humor and suggestive adult language, this show is rated PG-13. Audience participation includes Sandra Bernhard, Beverley Leslie, Rob & Ellen, two contestants and three boyfriends for Jack. Group participation includes filling out Pyramid Game slips.



Our Current Show

Will & Grace: Who Killed Stan? cont'd

Technical Requirements -

- One (1) six or eight foot banquet table, covered and skirted on which to place speakers, a tray of glasses and pitcher of water, and other props.
- One (1) small table for the Stage Manager to sit at and set up our sound system.
- One (1) martini glass.
- One (1) basket of rolls.
- Six(6) dessert plates, three (3) butter knives and one (1) bar tray.
- Two entrances to the dining area, with the ability to leave from one entrance and easily return through the other one.

**Don't have the ability for all these things? Don't worry!
We can work around most limitations you may have!!**



Our Current Show

Available Exclusively at Cherokee Ranch & Castle

Beginning April 2012 until further notice

(Dates subject to change)

ANTIQUES REVENGESHOW

Cast Size – 4 Actors, 1 Stage Manager

Show Description:

Come attend a special stop of "Antiques Hit the Road", our spoof of the PBS show that allows people to have their "little treasures" appraised, hosted by Mark Bergwall. This event is particularly special, as it is being held at Cherokee Ranch & Castle, home of many valuable antiques itself. But something sinister seems to have brought all these people together in this space. Is it the objects? Are they cursed by spirits of the Afterlife, as a mysterious stranger suggests? Or is something more corporeal behind the happenings at the Castle? Can the mystery be solved in between the appraisals as people start dropping like flies?

Due to slight sexual humor this show is rated PG. Audience participation includes 5-11 Guests to have their item appraised, plus Jamie Lee Curtis. Group participation includes singing "Home on the Range".

Please contact Amy Shanton at Cherokee Ranch & Castle to book a Private Performance - 303.688.5555 ext. 2



Our Current Show

ANTIQUES REVENGESHOW^{cont'd}

Technical Requirements -

- One (1) six or eight foot banquet table, covered and skirted on which to place speakers, a tray of five (5) glasses and pitcher of water, and other props.
- One (1) small table with chair for the Stage Manager to sit at and set up our sound system.
- One (1) extra place setting at a table in the audience for an actor to pose as an audience member for all of Act I.
- Six (6) small Drinking/Juice Glasses and three (3) Rocks Glasses.
- Three entrances to the dining area, with the ability to leave from one entrance and easily return through the other one.

All of these items will be provided by Cherokee Ranch & Castle for your Private Performance!

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Our Alternate Show

Available for home parties of 8 or more people
Or as an alternate show to our main production

The Return of Sherlock Holmes

Cast Size – 3 Actors, 1 Stage Manager

Show Description:

Mr. Noah Wainwright has gathered together friends and other “true believers” for an evening with Madame Mariska, a psychic medium. Madame Mariska does it all: tells your fortune, reads your palm, contacts the dead, takes your money, etc. She is Noah’s Psychic Advisor. Assisting Madame Mariska is Sheldon Snerdley. He’s more of a toady than an assistant. Sheldon goes about finalizing who will get readings that night, and has the odd feeling that he’s been at this venue before, even though he never has. A woman calling herself Jackie Smith arrives and asks if she could get a reading from Madame Mariska. When Sheldon learns how rich Jackie is, he makes certain that she’ll get a reading. It would seem Madame Mariska prefers wealthy customers more than poor ones. Jackie and Sheldon share some more déjà vu and feel like they’ve met before, but can’t explain it.

Madame Mariska makes her grand entrance and begins her evening. But something is off. She and other people keep getting chills. Strange things start occurring, and suddenly someone dies a violent death. The next thing you know, the spirits of Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson have taken over two of the people there. Were they pulled from the spirit world to solve the mysterious death that just happened, and is that death linked to a murder they tried to solve at this very location 100 years ago?!

Due to slight sexual humor, this show is rated PG. Gunshots are fired. Audience participation includes a man-hungry friend of Noah Wainwright, a married couple who are regulars of Madame Mariska, a former client of Madame Mariska’s, a crazy homeless man and the spirit of a woman from 100 years ago. Group participation includes the audience chanting.



Our Alternate Show Cont'd

The Return of Sherlock Holmes

Technical Requirements -

- One (1) six or eight foot banquet table, covered and skirted on which to place speakers, a tray of glasses and pitcher of water, and other props.
- A small Stage Manager's Table and chair near the banquet table and an electrical outlet.
- Two (2) barstools.
- Two entrances to the dining area, with the ability to leave from one entrance and easily return through the other one.
- The ability to easily dim all the lights in the room as well as flicker them during the show.

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Our Alternate/Home Party Show

Available for home parties of 8 or more people
Or as an alternate show to our main production

The Hillbillies From Hell

Cast Size – 2 Actors, 1 Stage Manager

Show Description:

It's a family reunion for the Mudpatch clan, hosted by their rich cousin who has one of them there jobs, and Maybelline Mudpatch has brought along her Critter Crispers containers along to sell, a-la Tupperware. There's some family feudin' to be had, including between Maybelline and her hubby, Buford. When someone dies, a long-lost relative arrives to help figure things out!

Due to sexual humor, this show is rated PG-13. Audience participation includes Uncle Jethro, Mammy Mudpatch, Preacher Billy Bob, Cousin Leezy Mae, the cousin who's the host, and two Critter Crispers Testimonial-Givers. Group participation includes dancing The Hillbilly Stomp.



Technical Requirements -

- One (1) six or eight foot banquet table, covered and skirted on which to place speakers, a tray of glasses and pitcher of water, and other props.
- A small Stage Manager's Table and chair near the banquet table and an electrical outlet.

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Our Holiday Show

Available December 2012 and January 2013
(Dates subject to change)

Have a Holly Jolly Murder

Cast Size – 4 Actors, 1 Stage Manager

Show Description:

It's 1988, and the annual Christmas Pageant is being held for a local Children's Fund. Sam Evergreen, the charity's PR Director is organizing the event, and has a panel of judges that include Victor Grinch, the Chairman of the Board for the charity. Competing in the pageant are Timothy Cratchet, a shy young man who yearns to be a star, and Stacie Sugarplum, the prettiest, most popular girl in town who succeeds at everything she does. A stage mother for another finalist, Gloria Fishbein, is determined to have her son, Herman, win.

The pageant gets underway and the competition is fierce. But there seems to be more drama offstage than on, and jealously, unrequited love and other secrets bubble up as the pageant goes on. When someone mysteriously dies, the group is left to determine whether it was natural causes, an accident or murder!

This show is family friendly and contains musical numbers. Audience participation includes two female judges, Herman Fishbein, Stacies's boyfriend, and two other pageant finalists. Group participation includes dancing and playing Christmas Carol Pictionary.



Technical Requirements -

- One (1) six or eight foot banquet table, covered and skirted on which to place speakers, a tray of glasses and pitcher of water, and other props.
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Our Upcoming Show

Available June thru November 2012
(Dates subject to change)

The Grapes of Death: A Vintage Murder Mystery

Cast Size – 4 Actors, 1 Stage Manager

Show Description:

1940's Film Noir meets classic campy comedy in this wine tasting murder mystery.

Our Upcoming Show

Available September 2012 thru May 2013
(Dates subject to change)

Match Game Murder Mystery

Cast Size – 4 Actors, 1 Stage Manager

Show Description:

Come watch our spoof as we update the classic TV game show with a murderous twist! Definitely a PG-13 show!

Our Upcoming Show

Available in 2013
(Dates subject to change)

THE DICK VAN DEAD SHOW

Cast Size – 4 Actors, 1 Stage Manager

Show Description:

We have fun with the classic sitcom as Rob, Laura and the gang are thrown into a murder mystery!

Promotional Samples

Promo Cards - 4x9 or 4x6

Promo Cards May be Designed for Your Specific Event!
Custom Design and Pricing Info Available

<p><i>The Return of Sherlock Holmes</i></p>  <p>Saturdays 7/10, 8/28, 9/25, 10/30, 11/20</p>	<p><i>I Love Lucy... to Death!</i></p>  <p>Only 2 Shows Left!! Saturdays 7/17 & 7/31</p>	<p><i>Limited Engagement</i></p>  <p>Saturdays 8/14, 9/18, 10/9, 11/13</p>
<p>The Broker Restaurant presents Interactive Murder Mystery Comedy Dinner Theatre by <i>MO Productions</i></p> <p>Reservations Required - 303.292.5065 \$50/person all inclusive, plus bar - 6:00 p.m. seating for all shows For menu selection and other info, please visit www.thebrokerrestaurant.com</p> 		

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Murder Mystery Magnets - 2.5x3

Signed by the cast and given to audience members who participate in the show.

Collector's Items in the Making!!



**Business Card Design and Pricing Info Available
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Pricing

MO Productions offers competitive and negotiable pricing. Prices for shows will be partially based on, but not limited to, these factors:

- Number of actors in the show
- Distance to travel to venue
- Size of potential audience
- A Public or Private performance

MO Productions does offer special pricing for charity fundraisers.

All performances require a non-refundable deposit, which is usually \$200 for public shows and \$500 for private shows.

Pricing per performance may be one flat rate or a portion of each paying patron with a minimum guaranteed fee, as agreed upon.

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