

Five Ways Murder Mysteries are Different Than a Stage Show?

No doubt, you would have heard about, or maybe even participated in a murder mystery. You may be interested in learning more about it and one of the best ways to figure it out is to compare it to a regular stage show. Listed below are the 6 differences between a show and a murder mystery.

1. A stage show auditions months in advance.

A murder mystery does a workshop and auditions for a couple hours about 4-6 weeks prior to the show date.

2. A stage show rehearses for months in advance. Often most evenings during the week.

Murder mystery rehearsals are usually once a week for 4-5 weeks prior to the show. Then a final dress rehearsal/sound check the day of the show. (see below)

3. A stage show usually involves building a set.

There are no sets in a murder mystery. Props are provided.

4. A stage show requires you learn your lines verbatim.

A murder mystery has very few lines – generally less than 15 lines per character. You can change the wording if it's better for you. If you ad-lib, even better.

Additionally, a murder mystery has about an hour of “mingling” with the audience in character. It's all improv so you must know your character and the others in the cast very well.

5. A stage show takes place on a stage.

A murder mystery takes place at an event center, restaurant or even a private party at someone's home. Just about anywhere.

Here's a list of parties that Magic Circle is able to present.

- Holiday Theme
- 1920s or '50s Theme
- Hippy Theme
- Wild West Theme
- Valentine's Day
- New Years Eve

If you like to develop a crazy character to your liking, talk to strangers and dressing up for any of the above themes, we want to meet you. Parties are usually 2-3 hours long plus a 90-minute call time prior to the show. It's great fun to play with the audience who are clearly revved up for the event and usually dressed to the nines.

Interested in learning more? Magic Circle will be having a Workshop & Auditions on (date) from 1-3 at Magic Circle. The upcoming show is *Murder at the North Pole* and will be performed the evening of December 12 at Shelter Distillery. Call time will be 5:00. Questions: contact Chris McDonald etc. etc. etc.