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A Halloween Full Of Laughs



With Halloween upon us this month there will certainly be thrill-seekers who want to walk through haunted houses in order to experience a scare. While haunted houses may be fun and exciting for some, we have other plans in mind for those seeking a Halloween experience that involves more laughs and humor.

For those not brave enough to seek the thrills of a haunted house, the award-winning Killing Kompany offers an exciting night that might be right for you: a murder mystery dinner filled with comedy, laughs, and original stories. Every show is differently themed and is created, written, and produced by the company in order to keep patrons on the edge of their seats every time.

The cast includes 50 to 60 actors from TV, Broadway, and film, who rotate in order to keep the shows fresh and exciting.

The Killing Kompany will present Halloween Homicides on Friday, Oct. 26 at Riccardo's by the Bridge (21-01 24th Ave., Astoria), where they perform regularly when in Queens.

The acts happen in between courses, and right after dessert is the Big Reveal, when the mystery is solved.

What sets this show apart from the rest is that there is active audience engagement. Actors pull in unsuspecting patrons of the show and directly involve them into the murder-mystery. There is no need for the guest to learn any lines or read a script, but what the show does ask is that you join in on the fun and actively help solve the murder.

"The actors dine with the guest in between acts and improv with them to gauge who would be the perfect fit to participate and help solve the mystery of who 'dunnit," said Jon Avner, founder of the Killing Kompany.

There is nothing to worry about, for those who have stage fright, as audience members get a safety word to get themselves out of the situation if they want.

Prizes will be given to those who solve the murder, and also to those who come close to solving the murder.

The Killing Kompany has been around since November 1993 and will soon hit its 25th anniversary this coming November.

They have these dinners all over the country and you can even hire them to do private events for weddings, churches, fundraisers, and other companies seeking to entertain its employees.

Check out Halloween Homicides at Riccardo's in Astoria, on Friday, Oct. 26 starting at 8:00 pm. Tickets are only \$45 per person, so if you want to be a part of the fun just go online and buy tickets at killingkompany.com or call them at 888-SHOOT-EM or 212-772-2590.

—Anthony Tellez

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