

## **Showcase Arts Foundation Inc. (SAFI)**

### **Proposal of Theater related- fund raising opportunities with SAFI**

SAFI is a not for profit organization dedicated to bringing theater and theater related arts to the Pinellas County area. All of our performers are volunteers and help us raise funding for our organization which pays for education and rehearsal space as well as helping fund other theater projects, in particular, Dunedin's city theater, the Dunedin Showcase Theater.

We can provide entertainment for a variety of audiences with our various troupes.

- 1. Interactive murder-mystery comedies:** These shows should be presented as a dinner theater experience. Our actors create characters and a scenario that is then acted out in an improv style. Usual format includes a presentation that gives the audience a feel for what the show is about. Then during the meal, our actors mingle in and about the tables and talk to the guests giving them clues as to later solve the mystery.

Then we "kill" someone, and the fun begins as our detective character reveals him/herself and questions the audience as to what "clues" they might have gathered during the evening.

We then pass out and collect a little form that each guest can fill out with his or her best guess as to who the murderer is and the motive. We pick a winner based on the answer closest to the truth, wrap up and give a small prize to the winner. This entire event, including dinner takes from 2 to 2-1/2 hours.

**Cost to your organization** - \$8 per person with a 60 person (\$480.00) minimum guarantee.

**Suggested cost for this event** - \$25 -\$35 per person depending on cost of meal.
- 2. The Way Off Broadway Revue:** Our "Risqué Business Troupe" presents a fun evening of skits, comedy and musical numbers in the style of vaudeville, burlesque and musical revue. Typical show runs about 2 hours with a 15-20 minute intermission.

**Suggested price for show is \$5-\$7** (charge can be greater but we find this to be the best price point for this event) Door is split 50-50 between our organization and yours. This can also be presented as a talent show using some members of your organization if desired. In that case we would hold auditions for members of your church or civic group and choose 6-10 acts to include in the show. This is done at no extra cost to you.
- 3. Showcase Repertory Performances:** - Our Repertory company prepares one well known, classic comedy and one drama each year for presentation at various venues in the Bay area. These shows are PG rated and can be presented to a variety of audience demographics. We strive to present high quality, excellent, semi-professional productions that will engage audiences that are seeking quality, theater experiences.

**Suggested price for one of our shows - \$12-15.**

SAFI pays all royalties and production costs. We ask that the venue work with us on advertising the shows in any way possible ie bulletins, websites etc. We pay for all print materials etc. Revenues from shows are split 60% to SAFI 40% to the venue with no cost to venue other than use of facility. Concession revenues go entirely to the venue if operated by venue staff. Tickets will be sold by both SAFI members and Venue staff. Details of this arrangement can be discussed when shows are booked.

**SAFI brings all shows to the venues we work in ready to perform. We do not need rehearsal space or time spent at the venue other than tech rehearsal time.**

Murder Mysteries require 1 hour tech time prior to show.

Way off Broadway Revue require 2-3 hours tech rehearsal/ run through for sound and lighting cues. (not including auditions if desired)

Showcase Rep productions will need a one-two day set up prior to run of the show to put up simple sets, props and lighting and can run from 1-4 performances per show run. Suggested run is 3 days over a weekend.

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