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Stagecoach Productions will host the revival of the hit audience-participation mystery-comedy dessert theater play, *The Magic of Crime* written by Tom Anastasi and E. Kyle Minor September 25-26. *The Magic of Crime* was an "Outstanding Performance of the Year" when it premiered at the Majestic Theatre in Manchester. This is its sixth production in the past seven years. "We're teaming up with Wheeler Players, who produced the show last Spring in Massachusetts," said Stagecoach Productions music director Judy Hayward, "We just performed *The Mousetrap* at the Stagecoach Theater and are thrilled to be able to co-produce the revival of *The Magic of Crime* because Tom Anastasi is one of the most produced playwrights in New Hampshire."

This is Anastasi's twentieth performance of his fifth play by three professional and five community theater groups since 2002.

*The Magic of Crime* takes place during a fictional fund-raiser. The crime itself happens right in front of the audience, who, assuming they didn't blink, get to assist the detectives as they try to crack the case. Was the culprit Marco Cacciatore, the soon-to-be famous magician, one of the social fixtures of the Rothschild family, or was it someone else?

"We wrote the type of play that we'd want to see," said Anastasi. "No deep meanings – just as many jokes as we could squeeze into two acts, and a really cool mystery for the audience to solve as they play along. It's very family-friendly and appropriate for all ages." "I think of it as a comedic who-done-it with a cherry on top," added Minor.

Tickets are \$10 (\$5 for seniors). The ticket price includes dessert. *The Magic of Crime* will be held at the Stagecoach Theater, 25 Front Street, 5<sup>th</sup> floor in Nashua. (Seating is limited, so reservations are recommended.) Show times are Friday and Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> at 8:00. For tickets and information call, (978) 314-9828.