

SHEAR MADNESS

THE HILARIOUS WHODUNIT!

JUST THE FACTS

Funny plotline

It's a day like any other at the Shear Madness Salon, when suddenly, the lady upstairs gets knocked off. WHOdunit? Join the fun as the audience matches wits with the suspects to catch the killer at this wildly popular comedy that has audiences laughing around the world.

Animated producers

Marilyn Abrams



Bruce Jordan

Creative History

Written by German playwright Paul Pörtner in 1963. Originally titled "*Scherenschnitt*," a serious murder mystery. Adapted by Abrams and Jordan, who acquired world stage, film and television rights and turned the play into a rollicking comedy.

Timeless Records Set

Acknowledged by *Guinness Book of World Records* as the longest-running, nonmusical play in American theater history. The record was set by the *Shear Madness* Boston company in November 1987, with 12,610 consecutive performances. On June 9, 2005, the Washington, D.C., company became the second longest-running production with 9,850 performances. Completing the Triple Crown of theater history is the Chicago company, which holds the number three spot in the long-run production record. *Shear Madness* now plays across the country and around the world from Athens to Zagreb.

Smart Comedy Awards

2017 BroadwayWorld Central PA Award for "Best Play"

2014 Moliere de la Comédie for Dernier Coup de Ciseaux

National Comedy Hall of Fame's Charlie Chaplin Award

Elliot Norton Awards special citation in 2005

2005 New England Theatre Conference Regional Award for outstanding contribution to New England Theatre

Mystery Writers of America's Raven Award for "Best Play of the Year"

Seven-time winner of the *Boston Globe* Readers' Poll Award for "Best Play of the Year"

Three-time winner of the *Chicago Tribune* Readers' Poll Award for "Best Play of the Year"

USO Award for Outstanding Contribution in the Theatrical Arts

Philadelphia Daily News "Best Play of the Year"