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Woody Allen fetches laughs once again



"Manhattan Murder Mystery"



Woody Allen returns to what he does best with his latest film "Manhattan Murder Mystery." Screwball comedy and madcap adventure abound, returning Allen to prime form. He's back to his old self, an angst-ridden New Yorker replete with various neuroses. He's joined on screen by longtime Woody regular Diane Keaton. Keaton plays Carol Lipton, wife to Allen's Larry, and as before, they work together hilariously. Carol and Larry are a comfortable couple living in New York's Upper East side—of course. Larry is an editor for Harper

Publishing, and Carol toys with the idea of opening a restaurant. Their lives are fairly ordinary — uneventful and unexciting. That is, until Carol suspects their neighbor has murdered his wife. The Lipton's lives are changed as Carol plays detective, breaking into the neighbor's apartment, listening to his phone conversations and following him. Larry — a quaking mass of cowardice, another Allen trait — is no help in the investigation so Carol turns to playwright friend Ted (Alan Alda in a smarmy role). Their investigating is hilarious, as are Larry's reactions to each and every new piece of evidence. Part mystery/thriller, part spoof, "Manhattan Murder Mystery" gives a classic Hitchcockian ending, with a little Allen twist that only serves to make it more fun. The adventures are classic madcap — the couple babble to the police incessantly and to no avail — and the comedy brings belly laugh after belly laugh. "Manhattan Murder Mystery" proves the Woodman has not lost his touch — or his sense of humor.

— Anne Steyer

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perform at 7:30 p.m. The pint-sized rappers are out touring in support of their new album "Da Bomb."

Sunday is the last day of the fair, and the last big show features country artists Mark Chestnutt and Martina McBride.

If country western isn't your style, maybe "Urethra Franklin" is.

The Lincoln-based band returns to Duffy's stage Sunday after nine months out of action.

Dave Rabe, Duffy's "band guy," said the band's "pulsating rhythm and driving beats" had gained them a local following.

"They really rocked," he said. Then it all fell apart when the guitarist left.

Tonight's show represents the band's "triumphant return," Rabe said.

The show starts at 10 p.m. Tickets are \$3.

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