The mob is alive and well in Vegas

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It's not every day that you get to sit down with an infamous mob boss, enjoy his “going away” party, and then take off your job. But that's what the "Sopranos Last Supper" at Tropicana is your ordinary day.

Instead of just watching, "The Sopranos Last Supper" lets you interact with the performers as you sit down. Tony Soprano's going away to "pall" party. This show has it all - dancing, singing, eating, and partying. And you are the next mob boss.

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"If you know anything about the "Sopranos," the bad of the Italian mob is where they have all of their secret meetings," said Cupp. Guests are seated at banquet tables situated around a dance floor and stage. Each table has been assigned a family name like the Provolones and the Sala families, which adds to the fun of making sure your rowdy family is a real part of the show. The experience is not your ordinary show.

"You don't have to be a "Sopranos" fan to enjoy a night out because there's a good storyline," said Maggie Cupp, one of the show's producers. She and co-producer Randy Sandoz sell the show for four on the East Coast before bringing it to Las Vegas in 2006. They also produce other interactive shows including "Tony and Maria's Italian Wedding" that perform across the country and in the United Kingdom and Australia.

Adapted from the hit HBO series, the television show "Sopranos Last Supper" is a good option for father's day looking to experience a mob-themed activity during their stay in Las Vegas.

Mayo Oscar Goodman and Steve Schimelia, the actors who played Billoy on the original television series, have both been part of the show. The performers from "Sopranos Last Supper" have also appeared with the extents of a character design series for various promotions, according to Cupp.

"Sopranos Last Supper" was created as a parody of the original HBO series and incorporates some of the same plot points and characters from the television series. Guests have the opportunity to interact with the performers as though they were talking to the mob.

"My whole time since we've been doing this is to want people thinking they're going to be entertained and they're going to be a part of the family. They felt like they were actually with the Sopranos because they were part of the entertainment," said Cupp.

The experience starts as soon as you enter the showroom. Performers mingle with the audience, helping to set the tone for the upcoming events. In addition to the main ninjas from the show, the gallery offers additional entertainment. Tucked away behind a door in the theater is the mafioso, The Cellar showroom has a sense of allure if it's a mad mob billboard.

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