

# ESSEX STEAM TRAIN & RIVERBOAT

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## *New Murder Mystery Presented by Essex Steam Train & Riverboat Every Friday Night in July and August*

**June 10, Essex, CT--** Back by wildly popular demand . . . Riverway Studio, East Haddam, will serve up a lively evening of Murder Mystery entertainment aboard the **Essex Clipper on Fridays in July and August.**

***The Band Slayed On: A Murderous Musical Mystery Tour***, written by Anna Maria Trusky with Ira Sakolsky, weaves together an intriguing tale about a newly formed rock band including a colorful cast of characters -- a ravishing Russian percussionist, a fiery Spanish former matador, and a washed-up British rock star. They're on their first U.S. tour, and the Essex Clipper is their ticket to success and superstardom! But secrets, rivalries, and creative differences threaten to throw the tour off course. Toss in a couple of starry-eyed fans -- one a would-be music journalist and the other an aspiring light-show engineer -- and you have all the ingredients for a hilarious, murder mystery tour!

Bob Bell, President of The Valley Railroad Company says, "We're delighted to continue our collaborative relationship with Riverway Studio in bringing first-rate entertainment to our on-board experience. Riverway Studio has successfully implemented our "theater-in-the-rectangle" concept aboard the *North Pole Express*, *Lomax*, *The Hound of Music*, and *Murder Mystery* trains. The popularity of last year's *Murder Mystery* introduction is yet another testimonial of how the Valley Railroad and Riverway Studio partnership is revitalizing the passenger experience."

### ***Round up the Gang for Friday Night Lite . . . Lite Dinner, Lite Entertainment, Lite Price...and a whole lot of FUN!***

"Murder Mystery is the theme for our *Friday Night Lite* program in 2010," says Susan Dee, Marketing Manager, Essex Steam Train & Riverboat. Susan emphasizes, "*Friday Night Lite* is an opportunity to leave the stress of the work week behind . . . at a cost that's easy on the wallet too!" For the lite price of \$45.00 a ticket, passengers will enjoy a 2½-hour train journey, 1 hour of lite entertainment, and a lite dinner - - Chicken Caesar Salad or Vegetable Wrap, Fruit and Brownie. Full bar service is available on board with Cash or Credit Card. Train *boards* at 7:00pm for 7:30pm *departure*. Reservations are a MUST! Call **800 – 377 – 3987**.

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## Murder Mystery (cont.)

### *The Valley Railroad Company*

Incorporated in 1969, The Valley Railroad Company opened the Essex Steam Train & Riverboat to the public in 1971. Today, the Essex Steam Train & Riverboat attracts 150,000 visitors a year and is one of Connecticut's most vibrant tourist attractions. Tour goers enjoy a 2½-hour narrated steam train and riverboat journey through the scenic Connecticut River Valley. Special events include *Day Out With Thomas, Fright Train, Santa Special, North Pole Express and Lomax, The Hound of Music*. Visit [www.essexsteamtrain.com](http://www.essexsteamtrain.com).

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