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Stage hypnotist mesmerizes Niagara students

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I was hypnotized by Kevin Ford.

There was not an empty seat in the house on Tuesday, Feb. 3. Audience members wanted to see if hypnosis was real or just a trick. I was one of those audience members.

In one part of the show, Ford invited any audience members who wanted to be hypnotized to come down to the stage. At least 30 people rushed down to become part of the show including myself.

He performed a test on us to see how we would respond to the power of suggestion. He sent all but 12 members back to their seats in the audience and invited the rest of us to take a seat on the stage.

To the best of my memory, I took a nap on stage. We stared at a strobe light as he pulled us deep into hypnotic sleep. I can remember

my head slowly falling backward as I tried to focus on the light. Eventually, I closed my eyes and, as I said before, took a nap. Here is what happened to me as members of the audience explained after the show.

To begin, Ford had all of us so deeply asleep that he positioned us in strange ways to make the audience laugh. I remember the laughter, but I had no idea why they were laughing.

Next, we were each given imaginary one hundred dollar bills. He told us that there was a thief who would take it away if we did not hide it. People frantically stuffed the bills into their pockets; however, I chose to stick my money down my shirt. Apparently a logical choice – who would reach for my

money there?

Immediately after, the money turned into ice cubes and we rushed to get them out because they were freezing cold.

Then we had individual experiences. He pulled me out first and erased the number six from my memory. With a sweep of his thumb across my forehead, I no longer

knew the number six. When he snapped, I awoke and he asked me how many fingers I had.

Obviously, I have 10 fingers. Only, when I counted them I ended up with 11. I counted left to right, 1-2-3-4-5-7-8-9-10-11. For the life of me I could not figure out why I had 11 fingers? Then I counted backward, 10-9-8-7-5-4-3-2-1-0...But how could I have 11 fingers? He snapped again and

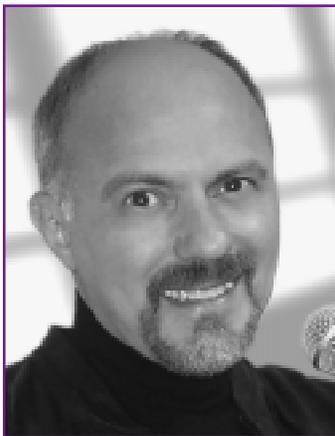
brought back the number 6 and once again I had only 10. Thank goodness I am not a freak!

He kept me awake for the next two experiences. I got to see a young man named Ray hypnotized to shout, "Shut- up!" every time Ford said, "Ladies and gentlemen." He was sent back to the audience and every time Ford said the phrase, Ray responded.

Joel Sabella was hypnotized to focus all of his energy to his finger. He had so much energy the he broke a light bulb! He told Joel to take his finger and touch my forehead with it and I would fall back into deep sleep.

I am very defensive about people touching my face. I do not remember him actually touching me. The audience says that he did and that I passed out. All I can remember thinking was, "if he actually touches my face I am going to hit him!"

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Hypnotist: Ford is Niagara graduate, performs across country.

Once I had fallen back asleep, Ford spoke to the group of us. He told us that our shoe was a phone and we had to answer it. There would be an important number and we had to remember that number. Some people took their shoes off to answer them. I pulled my foot up to my ear and answered it.

I seemed like I waited a long time before I heard anything. Then I got the number seven.

Ford had a number

written down on a piece of paper that he had given to an audience member. Then he randomly picked the hypnotized to give him their important numbers. He wrote them down on another piece of paper and gave it to someone else. The numbers we gave matched the ones written down on the paper.

As a last demonstration, he had Amanda Tech lose her bellybutton. He told her this in hypnosis, and then woke us all up

and sent us back to our seats. However, we were stuck to the floor! We were unable to move our feet! One by one, he snapped at us all and we were free to go again.

As soon as we got back to our seats, Amanda started looking for her bellybutton.

She looked under her seat, around the floor, on the stage, and she could not find it. Ford tried to help her, but she was embarrassed to say what

she lost. He snapped again, and told her that her bellybutton was back – and she looked on her stomach and found it.

The show was exciting and entertaining from the audience's perspective. As part of the entertainment, I only wish I could have seen it. I can't wait for the photos to develop.

Ford graduated from Niagara in the 1970s and has performed hypnosis on NBC and around the country.

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