

HYPNOTIC COMEDY SHOW



Hypnotist Chris Mabrey brings out the humor of the unexpected

The captivating art of hypnosis combined with the humor of the unexpected comes to the Umatilla County Fair by way of Chris Mabrey, a master of his craft.

When Mabrey met a hypnotist as a child he said he was enamored, and ended up working with the practitioner in the summer months.

“When I was young I was not a very good hypnotist,” Mabrey said. “I videoed my shows so if I failed, I could learn how to make it work.”

When he graduated from high school he went on to study hypnotherapy, psychotherapy and neuro-linguistics programming. Today he claims to have about a 90 percent success rate of putting a subject under hypnosis.

“I literally am living my dream,” Mabrey said. “I’m very passionate about it and I get to work with some awesome people like Tim Allen and Comedy Central.

Mabrey said he learned the power of humor when he lost a finger at the age of nine.

“I was told by a doctor, if you laugh about it, you’ll feel better,” Mabrey said.

The humor element of his hypnotist performances is in the unexpected — what people do and say under hypnosis is anyone’s guess.

“The funniest part is I never know what I’m going to get. I don’t have a script and I don’t know what I’m going to do when I come on stage. Every time I do a show I get a different result,” Mabrey said.

Working with people all these years he said he can quickly figure out what motivates a person to go under hypnosis.

“I can tell a lot about a person by their shoes, their clothes or their hair — everyone gets an individual skit, which is what makes it super funny,” Mabrey said. “I probably laugh harder than anyone else.”

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