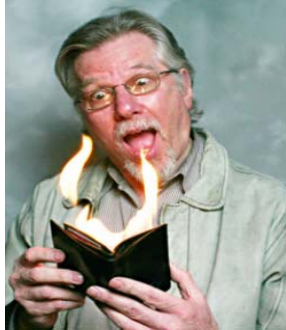


Questions to ask a Magician before you hire them



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Are you a full time or part time entertainer? Many entertainers are

only just part-time magicians and their shows are just not refined for every audience. I'm not saying part time entertainers are not qualified, but be sure to ask the other questions here before hiring them; as they sometimes don't have the same kind of experience.

How long have you been a professional?

Experience matters. The more years, the more comfortable they are entertaining for all types of situations.

Are you insured? Some catering halls and restaurants and most schools need proof. The truth is 80% of magicians and entertainers are NOT insured. If you're going to let someone you've never met into your home or other party place, you want to make sure they're legit.

Do you use audience members in your act? Do you treat them with respect? Too many "Sucker Tricks" make people feel badly about themselves. You want everyone to enjoy the show.

What age group is the show

appropriate for? Kids will not understand some tricks and jokes and most adults will be bored with certain kid material. Make sure the show entertain everyone.

Who have you worked for? Get references.

Do you stay after the show and mingle with the crowd? Will you stay and answer some questions, like how you got started in magic and how can I learn that. NOT how did you do that.

Do you use live animals? Do you have a USDA license and do you take them to the Vet every month as required by law? Some catering halls and restaurants won't allow live animals in their premises. Animals are cute but can bite and make a mess.

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