

Brett Daniels Delights Audience with Illusions

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BRANSON, Mo. - When it comes to making an entrance, Brett Daniels knows how to make one. In a Lamborghini. On stage. It's not because he has a parking problem. It's just the opening of his "Magic & Beyond" show at the Grand Palace. Daniels, 2003 Magician of the Year in Las Vegas has brought his show to Branson this season.

Recently, Daniels previewed his show at The Grand Palace and awed a nearly packed house with his fantastic illusions. From sleight of hand card tricks to making a Navy fighter jet appear on stage, Daniels' show runs a wide gamut of magic and illusion. Throughout his performance, Daniels peppers it with comic comments and interplay with the audience. He even makes an audience member disappear, then reappear during another routine later in the show.



Daniels' production has everything people have come to expect from large-scale magic shows: spectacular illusions, beautiful sets,

suspenseful stunts and, of course, gorgeous assistants. Along with helping Daniels, they also perform dance numbers between the magic routines.

One of his illusions has Daniels hopping on a Harley and disappearing from an open box hoisted above the stage, only to reappear riding the bike down the aisle in the audience. In others, he levitates one of his lovely assistants, compresses another into a tiny box that he then pierces with swords and brings Marilyn Monroe to life from a portrait above the stage.



To introduce an old-fashioned sleight-of-hand routine, Daniels gives the audience a brief history lesson about old-time magicians of Vaudeville, complete with slide show featuring several of those golden age performers.

If you're a magic fan, you'll enjoy Daniels' two hour show. He's a top-notch magician who's held in high regard by his peers in the field and is considered a magician's magician. Before coming to Branson, Daniels performed in Tunica and Las Vegas and also toured China, where his magic show played to a record 1.3 billion people.

He has also performed on television, including the “Champions of Magic” on ABC, the CBS Caesar’s Palace special and NBC’s “Houdini – Unlocking the Secrets” and “World’s Greatest Magic.” Daniels’ “Magique” show was voted “Best Show of the Millennium.”

For tickets contact The Grand Palace at (800) 884-4536 or (417) 336-1220.