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FIELD TRIP EDUCATOR GUIDE

BILL BLAGG'S The SCIENCE of Magic

ABOUT THE SHOW

For centuries magicians have used scientific principles to make people levitate in mid-air and vanish in the blink of an eye. Illusionist Bill Blagg's one-of-a-kind educational experience, *The Science of Magic*, takes students on a rare, never-before-seen journey "behind the scenes" of the magic world. Students will discover firsthand how magicians use science to create the impossible!

Bill's comedy-filled, action-packed presentation is highly interactive and makes science fun and exciting! Students will use the Scientific Method to levitate one of their teachers in mid-air and even learn how the science of reflection can make their homework magically disappear. In addition, Bill performs some of his mind-blowing, grand-scale illusions with a scientific twist! Bill will present an incredible display of the water cycle by making it snow from his bare hands. Students will watch in amazement as science creates magic right before their very eyes.

The Science of Magic is designed to excite, educate, intrigue and promote students to think "outside the box" and spawn their curiosity about how science and the Scientific Method are used by magicians to create the impossible!



The Man Behind the Magic

To say that **Bill Blagg** has had a magical life would be no exaggeration. From the moment he received his first magic kit in 1985, his world was never the same. Bill professionally launched his magic performing career in 1996, at the ripe age of sixteen. Bill became a stand-out in the magic community, due in part to his off-the-cuff personality and his high-energy performance style.

After graduating college with honors, Bill hit the road to perform magic full-time. Today, Bill has one of the largest touring theatrical magic and illusion shows in the country.

Having a love for both magic and science, Bill combined the two to create his one-of-a-kind, educational show *The Science of Magic*. The show takes students on a rare, exciting, never-before-seen journey behind the scenes of the magic world. Students discover first-hand how magicians utilize science to create the impossible.

Bill lives in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, with his wife Kristin. When he's not performing he can be found at his magic workshop, working with his dad to create new illusions to thrill his audiences with.

"We HIGHLY RECOMMEND Bill's show to those looking to make science FUN and ENGAGING!"

**-Jennifer Luck,
Paramount Theatre,
Austin, TX**

Magic & Science

Both magic tricks and science experiments can leave people scratching their heads in amazement. Sometimes it seems there's not much difference between magic and science. What are magic tricks anyway? Magic tricks are really just illusions. The magician knows the secret of how to do the trick. However, to the audience the trick looks like magic because they don't understand how the trick was done.

Many magic tricks are really just simple science experiments. The magician adds a few magic words and makes you believe that something supernatural and mysterious is happening. Magicians are master showmen and work very hard to fool audiences by using misdirection and manipulating their senses. In the end, there's a scientific explanation for how the trick works that has nothing to do with magic or magic words.