



Brian Miller
Comedian/Magician



“Brilliant.” –Michael Paul, NYC Underground Close-Up Artist

“Captivating.” –Hometown Oneonta

“Masterful.” –The Freeman’s Journal

Brian Miller is an entertainer who specializes in close-up magic and stage comedy magic, whose act is a conscious parody of itself. His work has been praised by some of the biggest names in magic for his innovative ideas and dedication to the art.

Miller is also an internationally recognized author and creator of original magical ideas. He recently filmed two DVDs with Mental Playground Productions set for worldwide release: *Approaching Classic Problems with Brian Miller*, and *The Oops! Deck Vol 2*. He was recently featured in the February 2010 edition of Genii magazine in the legendary *Magicana* section.

Brian is actively contributing to the current evolution of magic, and you’re invited to participate.

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Training

While Brian began experimenting with magic at an early age, it was in his teens that he began to focus on classic and contemporary sleight of hand. Joe Malkiewicz, in the April 2007 issue of Hocus Pocus (the newsletter of the International Brotherhood of Magicians' Ring 12), wrote, "*Giving in to his voracious appetite and following his love for magic, [Brian] has consumed a tremendous body of knowledge.*"

Under the guidance of esteemed professional magicians Victor Trabucco, Bill Butski, and Garrett Thomas, Brian has since added a considerable amount to that body of knowledge.

Brian has been an active member of the International Brotherhood of Magicians since 2006.

Peer Recognition / Published Works

In addition to the critical praise that has been afforded to Brian's work, he has an outstanding reputation within the magic community on an international level. He gained this reputation first through word of mouth, and later by authoring and releasing a four part electronic book series entitled *Cards, Coins, Thoughts & Theories* that is currently sold to magicians all over the world. Each of these e-books contains three of Brian's original magical creations with cards and/or coins, as well as a short essay of thoughts and theories regarding some important issue in magic. Some of the finest and most respected magicians in the world have enthusiastically contributed to Brian's work, including: Jay Sankey, Richard Sanders, David Acer, Gregory Wilson, and Garrett Thomas, just to name a few.

One particular creation of Brian's caught the eye of Michael Paul, a well respected magical creator, NYC underground close-up artist, and founder of the popular magic download website www.TheInvisibleThread.com. Paul believed that Brian's effect had made significant headway in solving the age-old 'Twisting' problem in close-up card magic, calling Brian's contribution to the problem '**brilliant,**' and stating that he had not believed that a solution was possible until he was "**inspired by [Brian's] thinking.**" Paul built off of Brian's considerable progress as a foundation in order to create a new effect "Twist3," which was an immediate hit and has since gone on to become one of the best selling new effects of 2009. "Twist3" explicitly credits Brian's work as being integral to its success.

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“The Choices We Can’t See”, a close-up mindreading creation of Brian’s, was published in the February edition of Genii Magazine in the legendary *Magicana* column by world renowned magician David Acer.

Venues

Since 2006, Brian has headlined in nearly every type of venue, including restaurants, private business functions, theaters, high schools, colleges, and comedy clubs.

Since 2007, Brian has served as the May-August weekly regular house magician in multiple Applebees Restaurant locations throughout Western New York.

In April 2008, Brian was invited to be a featured close-up performer at the Magician’s Alliance of Western New York (MAWNY) annual convention, a performance that earned the praise, “*One of Buffalo’s fastest rising stars.*” It was so well received that Brian was subsequently invited to be a featured close-up and stage performer at the Central New York Magicfest in September 2008.

During October 2009 Brian organized and hosted a four week comedy competition at the SAKE Club in Oneonta, NY, *Laugh It Up 2009 at the SAKE Club*. It was a considerable success, and Brian has been asked to host more similar shows in 2010.