

Magician Dazzles Westminster

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On Saturday, April 25th, Brian Miller returned to campus to perform another great show. He was well received by the crowd in Centennial who were eager to experience some magic. Miller's comic performances didn't fail to impress the audience either.

Miller began magic tricks at the age of four or five as he went through a magic phase that has stuck with him his entire life. When asked why he has continued with magic, he replied, "I just never grew up." As he studied as a magician, he initially practiced a form of traditional magic then moved on to a more modern and creative mixture of performances inspired by a variety of magicians, including David Copperfield. Also, much of the comedy found in Miller's work is derived from the style of Steve Martin and Jim Carrey's stand up routines.

Despite his influences, Miller has developed a distinct style of his own, combining elements of magic and comedy. Some of the

highlights of the night included a rope trick, Ancient Las Vegas Pulse Reading, and the crowd favorite, Dollar Bill Routine.

Miller noted that his performances can be a "challenge" to put together and perform, but in the end everything worked out seamlessly.

Aside from his stage work, filming magic DVDs and instructional books, Miller encourages children to get involved in magic. He stated it really isn't as hard as it seems and tells kids "to just go for it." Miller also teaches magic camps and claims "learning magic helps [to] overcome speech anxiety" and allows people "[to become] more comfortable [with] who you are."

Overall, the Saturday night event was a hit, and it was evident that the audience enjoyed watching the performance just as much as Brian Miller did performing.