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*"He's an illusionist
extraordinaire."*

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TOMMY WIND
MASTER MAGICIAN





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Tommy Wind has been featured on countless national and international television shows.



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Tommy Wind

MASTER MAGICIAN



Tommy Wind has headlined the Las Vegas Strip for the last 10 years with his full evening magic and illusion show.





Tommy Wind headlined Masters of Illusion *LIVE* inside the iconic Jubilee Theater at Bally's Las Vegas Hotel & Casino.



Some of the featured illusions that Tommy performed were making a Lamborghini and motorcycle appear out of thin air, floating a girl playing the piano high above the stage, performing one of the fastest metamorphosis illusions, and then with his beautiful assistant, he passed spikes through her body while she remained unharmed and then made her shadow vanish from one side of the stage and reappear across on the other side of the stage.

Tommy Wind performed over 250 shows during his year long contract with Masters of Illusion *LIVE* at Bally's Las Vegas Hotel & Casino.



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- AWE Magazine



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"He has joined the roster amongst the greats!"

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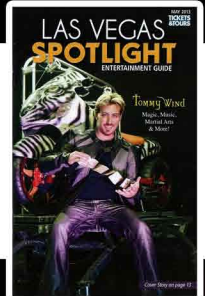
- Las Vegas Sun

"Impossible! Mind boggling!"

- AC Weekly Magazine



WINNER



MAGICIAN OF THE YEAR

"Charming"

- Wizard Wars, SyFy

"He's one of our favorite illusionists."

- Masters of Illusion



WINNER



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BLOWN AWAY THE MAGIC AND MUSIC OF TOMMY WIND

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HAVE A BLAST

Tommy Wind Blends Magic And Music Into A Family Affair

by Megan Riggs

Magician Tommy Wind is taking the Strip by storm,

performing at The Boulevard Theater in a show that highlights the 22 year old's talents not only with close-up magic and grand illusions, but also his ability to play several different musical instruments, including guitar, drums and harmonica. The show, called *Tommy Wind: A Unique Magic & Music Experience*, is also family friendly in more ways than one—Wind's parents appear in the show, his mother as DJ M-O-M and his father showcasing his expert drumming skills. Throughout the show, Wind amazes with diverse illusions, from using a sword to catch a playing card—a feat that involves audience participation—to making an antique table float through the air.

It's been a long journey to becoming a Strip headliner for the Staten Island, N.Y. native, who won Best Teen Magician of the Year at the World Magic Awards in 2009. Wind's story begins with his grandfather.

"He was a very hard-working Italian man that came over from Italy in 1947," Wind says. "He was a dock builder and an amateur magician. When he came over, the first money he made was on the boat. He would do this quarter trick—make a quarter disappear—everybody on the boat would keep giving him quarters. And in 1947 a quarter was actually worth something."

While Wind was still a baby, his grandfather would entertain him with

a trick called the Vanishing Hanky, until the budding magician was 7 years old and ready to learn how to perform the trick himself.

"I thought it was the coolest thing ever," Wind recalls. "I practiced every day. I showed my family and friends, and then I got a magic kit."

Following a visit to Las Vegas and a trip to local magic stores, Wind started doing parties, honing his skills with close-up magic that involved coin and card tricks. He even built a 25-minute full production show that he performed in high school, which led to a job at a local pizzeria.

"For tips and a slice of pizza...and a coke," Wind says. "I would do card tricks to get really good at my sleight of hand. And I practiced in the school lunchroom. I didn't eat lunch. I'd go around and do card tricks. What better way to get good at sleight of hand than with a bunch of teenagers who are going to try to figure out everything you're doing? Eventually, you get really good at it."

Continuing to sharpen his skills as a magician at the Staten Island Zoo

as well as landing a gig in a cabaret theater at the Tropicana in Atlantic City formed the path that led to Wind's Las Vegas show, where he makes a point of doing illusions audiences won't see everywhere else. One of these tricks involves Wind and a large electric fan.

"My favorite illusion to perform is the wind shear where I go through the fan," Wind admits. "It gets a huge reaction."

And whether it's a big illusion or clever little trick, it takes special skill to sell it to the audience.

"They're all challenging to learn," Wind says of his illusions. "The truth is, anybody could do magic, but that's just going through the paces. Designing the illusions to be original and learning the stage presentation and the way to get a jolt out of the audience, that's what takes the real experience as a performer to learn."

Onstage in The Boulevard Theater, Wind makes it all look like a breeze.

Tommy Wind: A Unique Magic & Music Experience | Nightly, 7 p.m. | From \$39 | The Boulevard Theater, 3765 Las Vegas Blvd. S. | 702-473-9300



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HOW'D HE DO THAT?
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FACING THE STORM

Tommy Wind
Stirs Up A Blend Of Magic And Music

MULTI-TALENTED MAGICIAN TOMMY WIND PERFORMS BOTH CLOSE-UP MAGIC AND GRAND ILLUSIONS, SUCH AS PASSING THROUGH A GIANT ELECTRIC FAN, BUT HE ALSO DEMONSTRATES HIS ABILITIES ON AN ARRAY OF MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS, INCLUDING GUITAR, DRUMS AND HARMONICA. TO TOP IT OFF, WIND IS ONLY 24 YEARS OLD AND THE CEO OF HIS OWN BUSINESS—THE TOMMY WIND THEATER, WHICH ALSO FUNCTIONS AS A NIGHTCLUB.

Throughout the show, Wind amazes with diverse illusions, from using a sword to catch a playing card to making an antique table float through the air. The show is also a true family affair, featuring Wind's parents—Tommy and Arlene Riccardo—and his fiancée Stacy Jackson as his lead assistant.

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Curious visitors can get a sense of Wind's unique magic on Sept. 9 at 5:30 p.m. when the young illusionist performs a stunt right on the Strip to celebrate his 400th show. Wind will attempt a death-defying escape from an ancient torture device before a bear trap collapses on him and a saw blade cuts him in half.

"But there's a surprise at the end," Wind teases.

And intrigue is what it's all about. Whether Wind is performing a big illusion or clever little trick, he knows it takes special skill to sell it to the audience.

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ENTERTAINMENT

It started as a hobby, but now, Tommy Wind is living
THE DREAM



Magician Tommy Wind performs at the Clarion Hotel. He says his love of magic started when his grandfather showed him a trick...

By ANDREA DOMANICK

No sooner do the curtains drop on Tommy Wind's magic show than he grabs his parents and they head over to their usual table at the diner next door. Then, over Philly cheesesteaks and heaping plates of spaghetti, they dissect the evening's performance — what went right, what went wrong. It's not just that the 21-year-old magician values his parents' input. The fact is, they both have roles in the show, each bringing to the table their own backgrounds as entertainers. His father, Tom Riccardo, is a former bandleader and Wind's manager while his mother is a former Broadway dancer who handles the show's choreography.

"We're perfectionists," Riccardo says in the thick Staten Island accent shared by his wife and son. "We didn't get here because of our egos."

The trio launched Wind's show, "Impact," at the Clarion's Wolf Theater in February and, after having closed there last weekend, are in line to move to a larger venue this summer.

He could use a larger marquee, too. At the Clarion, where he billed himself as a "musical illusionist," there was room only to reference his music skills. But he also works his myriad instruments that he learned to play from his father — including violin, guitar and percussion — into the magic part of his act. And if his next marquee is large enough, it might mention his skills with martial arts, dance and comedy, which further distinguish his act.

"If it's not original, we find a way to make it original," Wind says of his acts, which range from levitating a guitar to cutting an audience member into thirds. "The show is always evolving; we bring a lot of spontaneity into it. Sometimes mistakes we make on stage end up becoming part of the act."

There's no doubt the illusions are impressive, but ultimately it's Wind's disarming, gently self-deprecating humor and subtle doses of the family's eccentric chemistry on stage that ultimately win audiences over.

It's all a long way from the sleight-of-hand trick Wind's grandfather showed

him as a 7-year-old that got him hooked on magic. By the time he was 16, what was his favorite hobby had become a career goal.

"I was on a cruise with my family, and a crew member asked me to do some tricks for the passengers one night," Wind says. "When I saw the looks on their faces and heard a room full of people clapping for me, that was the moment I knew. It was some of the greatest joy I'd ever felt."

He devoted the next three years to performing any gig he could find, from a summer stint at the Coney Island Zoo to back-alley magic shops in Atlantic City. By 2009, Wind was named "Teen Magician of the Year" at the World Magic Awards. He graduated from high school that year, and his parents and he relocated to Las Vegas.

"We focused on taking small steps because once you fail in Vegas, you're not coming back," Riccardo says.

It was during one of those tours that Wind was approached by shareholders to open his own show in Las Vegas. The opportunity came far sooner than anyone expected, but it was one he couldn't pass up.

Wind plans to stick around Las Vegas for a while. The adjustment hasn't been easy; he says it's hard to be taken seriously by other performers because of his



Wind's show includes magic, music, martial arts, dance and comedy elements. He first performed tricks for passengers on a cruise he took with his parents at age 16.

like an astronaut or a race car driver — or a magician," he says, grinning. "But how many of them actually do?"

"Think about how many little kids say they want to grow up to be something

Tommy Wind is a 22-year-old with amazing magical and musical talent, poise and personality, all reasons he headlines on the Las Vegas Strip! A Staten Island, New York,

native, Wind got his love for magic from his grandfather. A dock builder and amateur magician, his grandfather made his first American money doing magic quarter tricks on the boat over from Italy in 1947. Through the years, Wind mastered his grandfather's tricks. He got his first job at 13, entertaining at a local pizzeria for a free coke, slice of pizza and tips. A trip to Las Vegas, a magic kit and years of hard work cemented his way to stardom. Wind won Best Teen Magician of the Year at the World Magic Awards in 2009.

His musical talent comes from his father and manager. Wind plays various instruments in the show. He and "Tommy Senior" perform a rousing fast-paced dueling drum sequence. Wind's mother, as "DJ M.O.M.," assists to make the show a real family affair. Two attractive young female assistants perform too! This is a perfect show to take the whole family.

The Tommy Wind: Music, Magic and More show at the Boulevard Theater is both hip and unique. He performs classic and self-created tricks. He excels in up close grand illusions and escapes. His favorite illusion involves the audience as he climbs through the spinning blades of an electric fan. Wind captivates the audience as he does card tricks with an audience member fan...definitely "very cool"! His versatility in doing card tricks with a large-scale illusion and then performing a large-scale illusion is really an old sorcerer in a 22-year-old body! All kidding aside, see him while you can still afford his tickets!

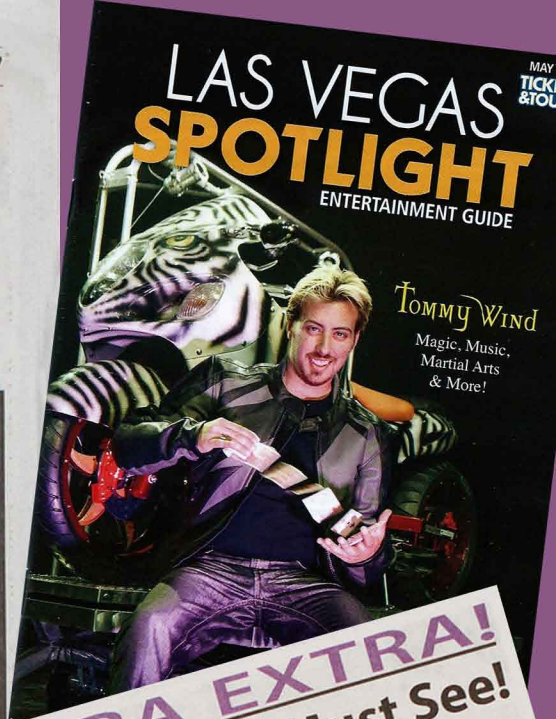
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Cover Story: Tommy Wind

Tommy Wind is a dynamic, hip, young, rising star illusionist who combines his amazing magic and musical talents into a fun, unique show for all ages.

The show showcases Tommy's ability to entertain audiences with his large scale illusions, incredible close up magic, martial arts, mentalism, and humorous interactive moments that are innovative and exciting. Tommy will showcase his love of music by playing a multitude of instruments including electric guitar, harmonica, and violin. He will also dazzle the audience with an incredibly fast paced dueling drum sequence. He was featured as the winner of "Magician of the Year", on the network TV special "World Magic Awards."

It takes stage twice nightly at 5pm and 7pm at The Boulevard Theater.



EXTRA EXTRA EXTRA!
Magician Tommy Wind - A Must See!

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Tommy Wind Magic, Music, Martial Arts & More!

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Tommy Wind, magician



Tommy Wind is one of the star illusionists on the hit TV series, ***Masters of Illusion*** on the CW network.



With national ratings at over 2 million viewers per episode, Tommy has been featured on the last 6 seasons of *Masters of Illusion*, and seen by over 30 million viewers.



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season premiere **JULY 10** **THE CW** Summer

THE HOLLYWOOD CHRISTMAS PARADE



Tommy Wind has guest starred for two consecutive years in *The Hollywood Christmas Parade*, which aired on national television to millions of viewers on the Hallmark Channel and CW network. He created custom illusions and themed some of his favorite routines to fit the holiday season, as he has done in the past for corporate clients. This past year, Tommy shared the stage with music superstars Olivia Newton John and Kenny G.





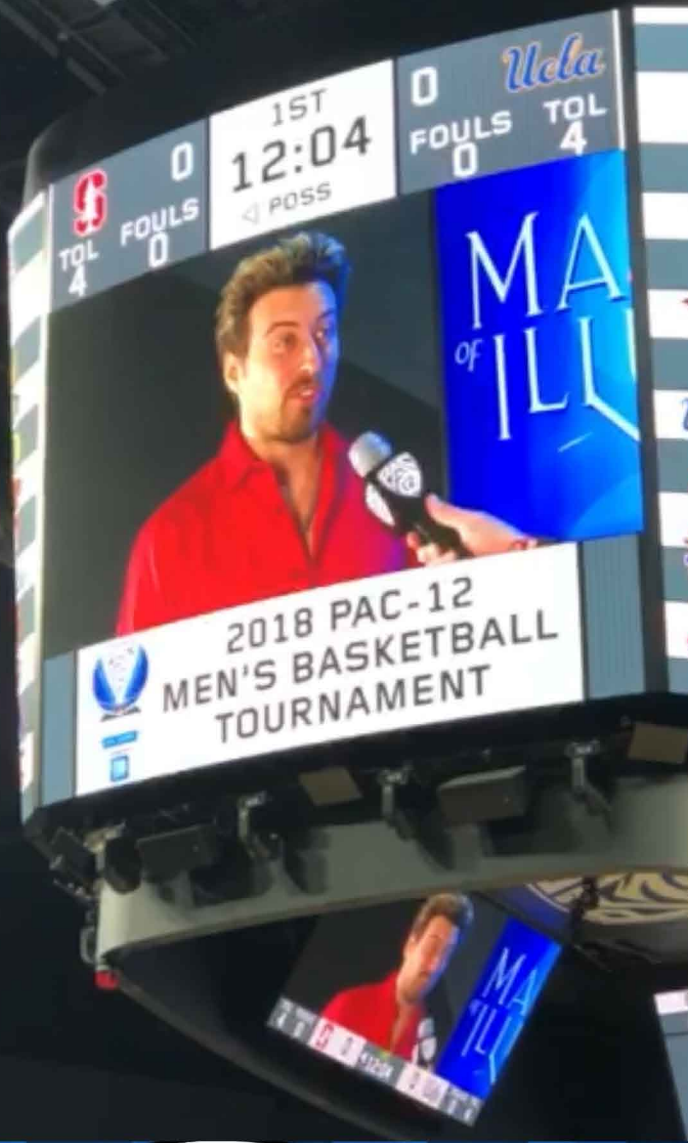
Tommy Wind was selected to represent the illusionists from *Masters of Illusion* to perform a segment on a recent episode of *Access Hollywood LIVE*.



Joined by the host of *Masters of Illusion*, actor Dean Cain, Tommy performs one of his signature illusions called Windshear. In this illusion Tommy seemingly crawls through a spinning blade unharmed.



T-Mobile ARENA



Tommy Wind recently headlined the half time show with a daring illusion at the T-Mobile Arena for 2018 PAC Men's Basketball Tournament. This performance was seen by millions, live and on television.



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Whether memorizing audiences internationally on the World Magic Awards, or locally in Las Vegas on the hit show The Morning Blend,



Tommy Wind's star power extends past the stage to televisions all over the world.





Tommy Wind was featured on the hit Syfy TV series, *WIZARD WARS*, along with fellow Las Vegas magicians, Penn & Teller. This competition series, which takes viewers behind the scenes of magic by challenging a new team of magicians each week to create the most jaw-dropping illusions using an array of random objects and transforming them into eye-popping miracles.



THE MAN BEHIND THE MAGIC

Born and raised in Staten Island, NY, Tommy Wind fell in love with magic at the age of seven when his grandfather showed him his first magic trick, the vanishing hanky. From that moment, Tommy was hooked, and devoted his time to learning everything he could about the art of magic. He progressed steadily on from there, learning from every source he could, which included books and the internet, until he eventually became a master magician himself. At thirteen years old, he received his first job as a magician at a local restaurant performing sleight of hand for the customers.

Throughout his teens, he cultivated his art, performing at the local zoo theater which led him to landing his first casino show in Atlantic City at the Tropicana Hotel and Casino. Tommy's next big break came at the age of nineteen, when he was awarded *Teen Magician of the Year* by the World Magic Awards on national television. After his first national television appearance, Tommy started performing for audiences in countless venues, ranging from New York City to Atlantic City, which lead to his first headline residency on the Las Vegas Strip. For the past 10 years, Tommy has headlined his full evening show in Las Vegas. The first venue was the Greek Isle Resort and Casino, which lead to a headline contract at the Boulevard Theater, which eventually turned into a five year contract at his own Tommy Wind Theater in the heart of the Las Vegas Strip. Most recently, Tommy was one of the stars of the *Masters of Illusion LIVE* show inside the iconic Jubilee Theater at Bally's Hotel and Casino.

During this time, Tommy starred as one of the illusionists on the hit TV series *Masters of Illusion* on the CW network, which is viewed by two million people per episode. Tommy has been featured on over 25 episodes of *Masters of Illusion* over the past six seasons, leading to countless other TV shows like *The Hollywood Christmas Parade*, *Access Hollywood*, and many more. Tommy is a critically acclaimed illusionist and winner of the Merlin Award for *World's Best Family Magic Show*.

Tommy Wind is a Las Vegas headliner, a television celebrity illusionist, and an award winning magician. Access Hollywood referred to Tommy as an "Illusionist Extraordinaire!"



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Tommy's family members often make a guest appearance, having had a long history in entertainment. This version of Tommy's show will feature amazing visuals that link Tommy's passion for magic and music, like the levitation of a guitar, a girl playing a harp that vanishes into thin air, and a one of a kind dueling drum sequence that features state of the art light up drums. Whether Tommy is showcasing his ability to play a multitude of instruments or performing some mind-blowing sleight of hand magic, this show has a little something for everyone in the audience to enjoy!



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