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Magician Martin Bringing Act Back to Island

Magician Andrew Martin is returning to Mackinac Island for his first Island performance in nine years. His 45 minute shows at the Lilac Tree Hotel's banquet center begin Monday, August 6, and run through Monday, August 13.

Island residents may remember Martin at the magician-in-residence at the Pink Pony Restaurant from 1987 through 1991, where he was known for his sleight of hand and his stand-up comedy.

Martin's performances include segments where he transforms a live bird into a bunny and escapes from a straightjacket after audi-

ence members have strapped him in.

"I like to involve my audience in the magic," Martin said. "It really enhances their experience of the mysteries when I encourage them to handle and manipulate the props during the show. It also keeps me on my toes, as I never quite know what someone might do or say."

Since leaving the Island, Martin has been performing close to 500 shows a year, primarily in southeast Michigan and northwest Ohio. Martin and his wife have two children, and their five-year-old son, Eli, already is performing magic for neighborhood children

and occasionally performs on stage with his father.

Martin will perform daily at 2 p.m., 4 p.m., and 8 p.m. from August 6 through August 13, except Saturday, August 11, when there will be no performances. Martin also plans to perform during lunch and dinner hours at the Pink Pony Restaurant at no charge to restaurant patrons.

Tickets to Martin's shows cost \$10 for adults, \$5 for children ages three through 12, and kids two and under are admitted free. Tickets will be sold at the door 30 minutes prior to each show and at the Mackinac Island Chamber of Commerce.



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