

## The magic of science is coming to COSI

There's a thin line between magic and science.

A hundred years ago, who would have thought that you could send a letter to France in a matter of seconds?

Well, now you can, says Toledo magician Andrew Martin. It's called a fax.

Mr. Martin will walk the line between the world of Houdini and the world of Einstein when he presents his Science of Magic show at COSI tomorrow at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

"I'm going to get out of a straitjacket like Houdini. That's always fun," Martin said cheerfully.

Martin said that Houdini jackets secured by kids are no problem, but sometimes adults go the extra mile,



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**Andrew Martin appears at COSI tomorrow.**

making his work more challenging.

Asked for the trick to es-

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cape, he quipped, "practice."

But, seriously, folks: "There is a trick to it, but I can't reveal it. I took this [magician's] oath."

Martin also plans to pull cards out of thin air and make them disappear. He'll produce a bird and, of course, a rabbit.

Martin won't be giving away any tricks, but he will demonstrate how his hands work in conjunction with audience perceptions to create what looks like magic. Martin says his show is more entertainment than education. But he will demonstrate how to create an illusion and show kids how the hand

can move faster than the eye.

A Bedford native, Martin has been performing magic comedy for 25 years. Saturday's show is part of COSI's summer exhibition, "A Show of Hands."

**The magic shows will be held in COSI's upper-level Sports Stadium at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.**

**The shows are included in admission to COSI Toledo, a hands-on science museum located on the downtown riverfront. Hours are Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday, noon-5 p.m. Admission is \$7.50 for adults, \$6.50 for children 3-18, \$6.50 for adults 65 and over, and free for children 2 and under. Call 244-2674.**