

# MerMan's Comedy & Illusion Show / Entertainment That Educates

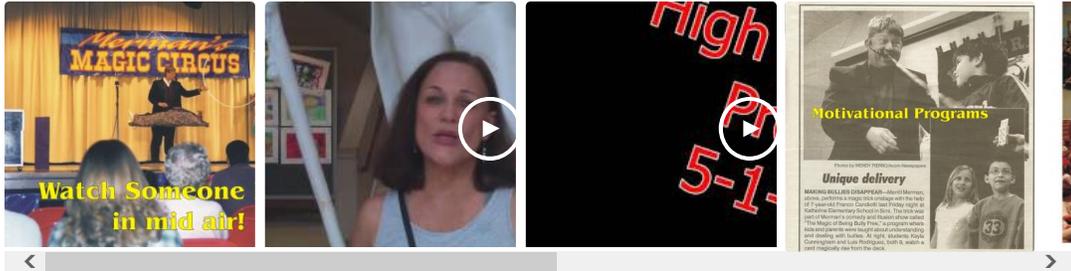
Norfolk, VA

72 reviews **TOP PRO**

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## About this pro

### How does your business stand out?

Voted "Best Family Comedy/Magic Entertainer in the area!" CUSTOMER SERVICE, CUSTOMER SERVICE, CUSTOMER SERVICE! We design each show to fit your wants, needs, and budget as well as your age group and theme. If your not sure what you want to do we will gladly guide you with suggestions or put together a couple of different scenarios for you to discuss with your family or friends. Sometimes clients look at scenarios and want to use a combination of suggestions. NO PROBLEM, we strive to make your experience unique, easy to do, fun, exciting, and the memorable. We want your guests to talk about this for years to come.

### What do you enjoy about the work you do?

EVERYTHING! REALLY! I get to meet new people, see new places, experience new cultures on a weekly basis. I'm privileged to be included in the most important events of their lives. Whether it's a birthday, prom, graduation, work celebration, family reunion, holiday party, church social, fund-raiser or any other special event, I am honored to be a part of it.

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Location  
Norfolk, VA 23518

Website  
[mermansmagic.com](http://mermansmagic.com)

Background check  
Complete ✓

Years in business  
37

Number of employees  
7

Times hired on Thumbtack  
116

# Reviews

72 Reviews

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**Lori A.** Aug 14, 2017

Comedy Entertainment

 Verified Review

All the above!!!

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**Anna B.** Jun 29, 2017

Balloon Twisting

 Verified Review

We are so grateful that he accommodated our request despite the last minute booking.

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**Kristina N.** May 15, 2017

Magician

 Verified Review

The MerMan Comedy and Illusion Show was a great kick-off to begin our Nursing Home Week for Spirit of America! Before the show, he played some tasteful music. During the show, he was very interactive with the residents and had a wonderful sense of humor. They really enjoyed the show! We will definitely invite him back for our residents real soon! Thank you for the grand time!

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**Rhonda J.** May 13, 2017

Balloon Twisting

 Verified Review

Very easy to contact and work with.

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**Becky G.** May 3, 2017

Magician

 Verified Review

This was our second year having The Merman entertain our group. We expanded his role this year so that he emceed our Chinese Auction drawing while performing in between. He did a great job of keeping things flowing and staying within our time schedule. He was still recovering from a recent illness, but he joked and did magic tricks, contributing to the fun atmosphere.

**James M.** May 3, 2017

I was admitted to the hospital with 4 kidney stones on Tuesday morning. (day before your show) They wanted to do emergency surgery on Wednesday and remove them, the smallest being 8mm. I made them postpone the surgery until Thursday because I could not find a replacement for your show. I checked myself out of the hospital Wednesday Morning, did your show and checked back in that afternoon for surgery the next morning. I also left you a few messages just to make sure everything went well and I never heard from you. I spoke with your president and many of the other officers after the show and they expressed delight with the show and even gave me a five star review on another site. I am sorry you were not 100% satisfied with the show and I have a call in to your President and will arrange a refund. My apologies again and I wish you all the best in the future!

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**Deb M.** Apr 30, 2017

Magician

 Verified Review

Excellent performance, kids went crazy !

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**Teresa A.** Apr 30, 2017

Magician

 Verified Review

### Great show

The show was very entertaining. He works well with the audience and remember names when he includes them in his act. We enjoyed it and there was never a dull moment.

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**Anshe J.** Apr 24, 2017

Magician

 Verified Review

wonderful and hilarious from beginning to end. Fully engages the entire crowd. from babies to adults. Plan on booking him again from another birthday party soon.

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**Samantha W.** Apr 21, 2017

Magician

 Verified Review

### Amazing and affordable!!

Amazing service. Made balloon animals for the kids and waa very entertaining. My daughter and her friends loved it. He was so nice and he worked with my husband and I to develop a show that was exactly what we wanted while kerpig in our budget.

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**Adrianna R.** Apr 10, 2017

Magician

Verified Review

## Absolutely hilarious

We hired MerMan for our son's 6th birthday. Everyone absolutely loved him! He was VERY funny and very entertaining. He had everyone laughing the whole time. We highly recommended him!

James M. Apr 10, 2017

It was my pleasure you guys were a lot of fun and London was a gem what a nice young man, Thanks for having me, I had a great time!

Olivia M. Mar 27, 2017

Magician

Verified Review

## Great experience!

We had Merman for our son's 8th birthday party and the adults enjoyed the show as much as the kids did! Would gladly hire again!



Paula B. Mar 20, 2017

Magician

Verified Review

## Good Clean Fun!

We really enjoyed the show! Great for all ages! Merman is very flexible and personable.

Cindy G. Feb 5, 2017

Magician

Verified Review

## Great time for the kids!

The girls loved the show! Even my teenager (who initially wasn't going to attend) ended up having a good time! The magician had a great sense of humor and kept everybody laughing.

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# Q&A

## What should the customer know about your pricing (e.g., discounts, fees)?

Because we offer so many different types of shows we do not have a standard pricing system. We can do walk-around entertainment or we can provide you with a show for 10,000 people that includes lights, PA system, curtains and some one floating in mid air or appearing from seemingly nowhere. We design each show for each client. The needs and wants of the client are the first concern then we consider the budget they are working with and design a show that will give them the absolute most performance for the budget they have.

## What is your typical process for working with a new customer?

We set-up a 10 min call. Listen to what you want, ask a couple questions, suggest different options and discuss budget. We then put together a couple of scenarios for you to choose from and fine tune them as needed. Every party and event is different so we design each show for each client

## What education and/or training do you have that relates to your work?

theater, trade school, acting, magic workshops, customer relations and computer training and over 20 years of actual touring and performing experience. I was lucky enough to actually be trained by a professional entertainer and toured as a stage manager and assistant for years before the torch (or in my case the Magic wand LOL) was passed down to me. I have been trained in every aspect of magic performance from performing, lighting, sound, and staging to actual building and design of sets, and magical apparatus and Illusions. Most of my shows are completely original and offer one of a kind illusions

## What types of customers have you worked with?

Families, businesses, military, churches, schools, fairs, festivals, civic groups, retirement and assisted living facilities, and so much more. I make a joke that if you have a type of situation that you think is unheard of, Then I have probably worked it!

## Describe a recent project you are fond of. How long did it take?

I also provide educational programs for schools, and other groups that address anti-bullying, self esteem, kindness and tolerance. I was one of 5 people in the country doing this type of work in the 90s and 2000's. I traveled the country with my show and performed in over 3500 schools in over 30 different states. I helped thousands of kids and adults to understand bullying and tolerance and taught them what to do if they were having a problem. I still perform these shows during the Fall-Spring months

## What advice would you give a customer looking to hire a provider in your area of work?

I will set-up a ten minute phone call for every quote. CALL ME!. For most people this is their first time hiring someone. I can answer all your questions and once I have a better understanding of what you want, I can help guide you through the process. The more information you can provide the better I can design the show for your every need. And most important make sure they offer a 100% guarantee!

## What questions should customers think through before talking to professionals about their project?

Budget Budget Budget. After all the frills, videos, pictures and reviews it still comes down to Budget. I have performances that range from \$50 an hour to \$10,000 for a full evening show. If I have an idea of your low and high end of your budget I will gladly design a show or package that will give you the most impact and entertainment for your dollar!

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