

SZELES Comedy Hypnotist

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Meet SZELES

SZELES has been performing comedy stage hypnosis throughout the United States for the past thirty six years, developing one of the most sought after one-man shows today. His performances are unique, hilarious, enlightening and always tasteful; earning SZELES an outstanding reputation for bringing a fresh, fun and purely entertaining approach to hypnotism, while dispelling the mysterious and degrading myths that surround this fascinating state of mind.

Affordably priced, SZELES has a show to fit any budget and market. He is fully self-contained and insured. His Grad/Post Prom shows are often booked the very next day after his performance. His ease and fun-loving playfulness with his volunteers on stage proves SZELES to be a natural entertainer. California Board Certified, he has the talent and the experience to bring an awesome show to any size venue. Together with his professional work ethics and constant detail to the performance make SZELES the perfect choice for your event. Book a seasoned veteran and be assured that your function will live on in in your guest's memory...long after the chicken cordon blue is gone!

What is Stage Hypnosis?



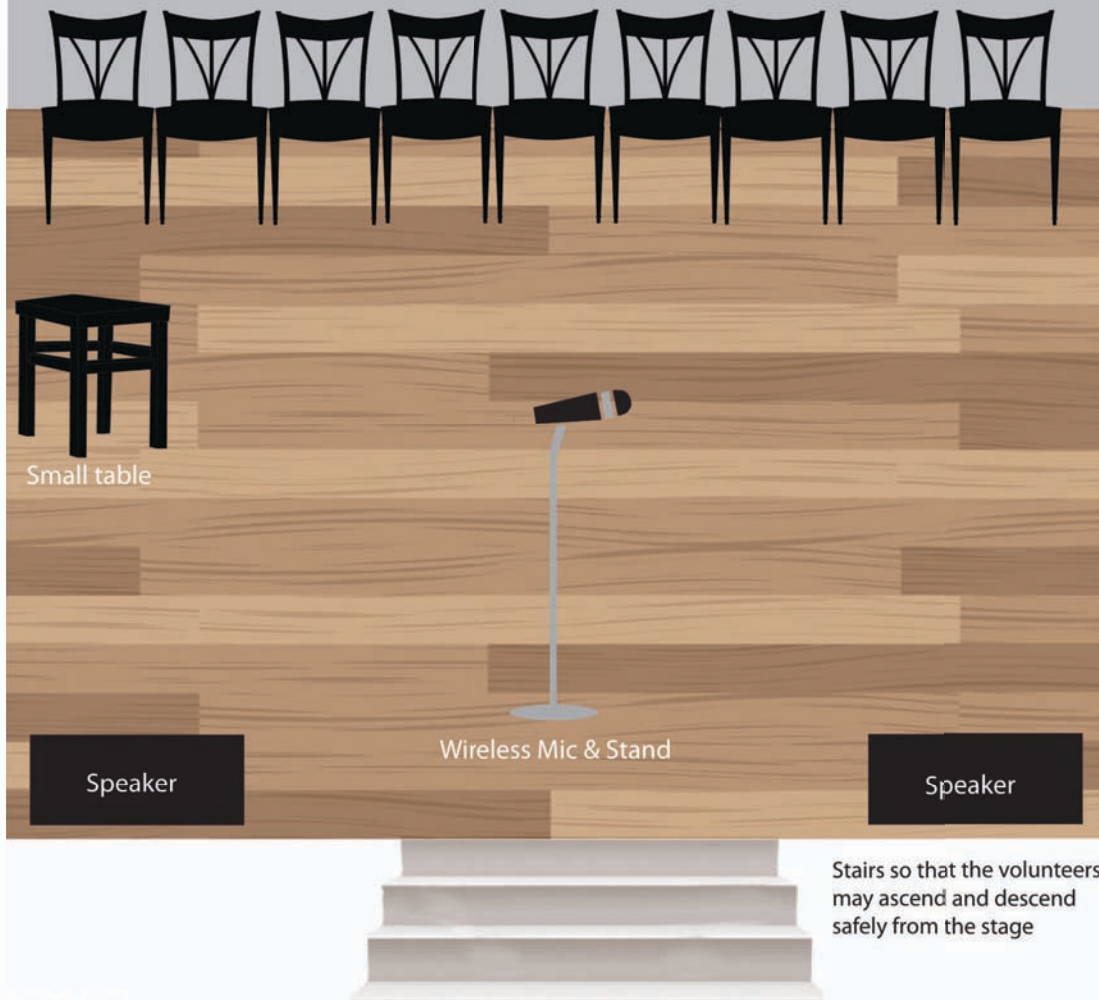
Stage Hypnosis is an audience participation event. The vast majority of volunteers at stage shows are willing participants who are genuinely hypnotized. There is abundant curiosity surrounding hypnotism, and in my experience, most people who volunteer for a stage hypnosis show have a genuine desire to experience hypnosis firsthand. The combination of curiosity and expectation make them more likely for it to work. There's a sort of social contract that they enter into when they choose to come to such an event. They know we're all together to laugh and have a good time, so by choosing to volunteer they are consenting to be part of the shenanigans, but it's important for you to understand that this does not invalidate the hypnosis that is taking place. These people, through the combination of curiosity, expectation, and the social contract of being at a show make themselves fit the model for that particular hypnosis experience. They go into trance, and they are having an experience that is distinct and separate from what the audience is experiencing. Being in trance is profoundly relaxing, not at all unlike a meditation state, and contrary to popular belief, those in trance will not do or say anything which is against their internal moral or ethical code.

Suggested Stage Plot

SZELES' Preferred Stage Plot

The ideal stage size should be 10' x 16' (or larger)

Back Wall - please arrange 15 to 20 armless chairs edge-to-edge with at least 3 feet of space **away** from the back wall



Stairs so that the volunteers may ascend and descend safely from the stage

Additional:

There should be 2 bottles of cold, filtered water on the small prop table prior to start of show. No flashing, blinking or spot lights on stage. Stage should be well lighted. Stage not required for all venues. Dance floors are fine, as long as audience members are kept away from the 'stage' area by at least 12 feet. Our musical equipment requires RCA jacks and there must be an electrical outlet somewhere on the stage.

Tips For Maximizing Your Entertainment Experience

Here are some simple ideas and concerns to keep in mind when planning your hypnosis event.

All venues: The minimum age for all volunteers is 16 years of age. Volunteers who are pregnant, or maybe pregnant, or have any medical conditions, or taking medication that would prevent them from being active, are not encouraged to volunteer for the performance.

All Events:

Safety: We take stage safety very seriously! If we are sharing the stage with a DJ, please instruct the DJ to position himself and his equipment as far back on the stage as possible, leaving the majority of space towards the stage front so we can set up the chairs. Why? The show is a very active show, and the volunteers will be moving around, and in order to maintain their safety at all times, we do not want the risk of anyone falling off the edge of the stage and hurting themselves. Please see suggested stage plot diagram. *Whenever possible before the event, please give us the DJ's contact information so that we can coordinate with them.*

Lighting: Contrary to popular belief, please keep the area where we are performing very well lit. More light is better than dim lights for a couple of important reasons: the audience will have a harder time viewing the shenanigans on stage if the lights are low, and also we are filming the show, the more light the better. Flashing, or blinking colored overhead lights are discouraged.

Housekeeping: Please ensure that the performance area is clean and free from water, or any other debris which could cause anyone to trip, slip or fall and potentially harm themselves.

Getting the word out: We prefer that the attendees know in advance that the entertainment will be an audience participation hypnosis event. Often times, keeping the entertainment a secret will backfire, resulting in everyone in attendance wanting to "watch the show" and not be a part of it. Experience has taught us that if the attendees know before hand, they are more likely to go up and volunteer.

Outside Events:

Shelter: Please make sure the area for the show is sheltered from the weather elements. This means that we need to have ample coverage for the volunteers from wind, sun and rain.

Temperature: Keep in mind that if the weather is very hot, (above 90 F or more) the stage **HAS TO BE COVERED**. We do not want to run the risk of the volunteers getting a sun burn or suffering heat stroke. If you are planning an outside event and know that the weather will be extremely hot, we recommend not using an outdoor area, but rather an inside, sheltered area with possibly air conditioning. Conversely, in cold weather, (68F or below) please keep in mind that the volunteers need to concentrate in order to be hypnotized, and if it is too cold, they will most likely be unable to give the hypnotist their full attention, and risk not going under. We do not recommend hosting your outside event in cooler weather. See Shelter recommendations above.

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A Few Happy Clients



Did you know...

What is Hypnosis?

Hypnosis is an induced, sleep-like state, during which the volunteer's mind readily accepts the Hypnotist's suggestions

Can anyone be hypnotized?

Yes! The best subjects possess vivid imaginations and creative minds

Can I be left in an hypnotic state?

No, you would simply fall asleep and wake up on your own

Will I remember being hypnotized?

Most people usually do

Are there any benefits to being hypnotized?

Yes absolutely! Through self hypnosis you can learn to stop smoking, lose weight, improve your athletic skills or eliminate any bad habits.

Will I do anything you ask of me if hypnotized?

No. Your subconscious mind protects you at all times. You will not do or say anything which you would normally feel is against your moral or ethical character

What does it feel like to be hypnotized?

Profoundly relaxed and content. Upon awakening you will feel refreshed and energized, as if you had a great night's sleep!

Today, Hypnosis is making a come back and is used in such fields as medicine, dentistry and police work

A Few Letters of Recommendation

A FEW LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION



Robert W. Ziller
Senior Vice President
Technology Operations

December 19, 1997

To whom it may concern:

Recently I had the pleasure of hiring Jim Szeles for one of our Corporate meetings. The meeting was an outstanding success due in large part to the hilariously funny antics of Jim Szeles' hypnosis show. Jim possesses a real gift for entertaining and everyone really enjoyed the performance. He was very considerate of the volunteers and the routines he did were tasteful and very amusing without embarrassment or humiliation to the volunteers.

I highly recommend him.

Sincerely,



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November 18, 1998

Mr. James L. Szales
P.O. Box 0657
Pacifica, CA 94044-0657

Dear Jim:

Thank you very much for your entertaining performance at the Fall 1998 Pacific-10 Conference Student-Athlete Forum. The collegiate student-athletes in attendance enjoyed both the experience of being hypnotized and the opportunity to watch their friends under hypnosis. Your performance provided good, clean fun which appealed to the 18-23 year olds who comprised the group.

We all look forward to your return engagement on Saturday, May 1, 1999. Please feel free to use me as a reference in the event prospective clients have questions about the kind of service you are able to provide.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Christine W. Harkin".

Christine W. Harkin
Assistant Commissioner

Thomas C. Barnes, Commissioner

University of Arizona • Arizona State University • University of California, Berkeley • University of California, Los Angeles • University of Oregon
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August 17, 1993

Mr. Jim Szies
744 Noriega Way
Pacifica, CA 94044

Dear Jim:

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for the wonderful job you did in entertaining our guests this past Friday the 13th. I would never hesitate to recommend you to future clients.

You are a true professional and your act was very entertaining and enjoyable for everyone, of every age, in the crowd. I truly enjoyed working with you. And since this was the first time I have "produced" a show like this, I appreciate all of your help in pulling it off.

I look forward to working with you again in the future. Best wishes for continued success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Shiori Kagoshima".

Shiori Kagoshima
Director of Marketing



December 13, 2001

TO: Jim Szefes
P.O. Box 0657
Pacifica, CA 94044-0657

FROM: Thomas Pajak, Controller-Audit Services
420 Montgomery St. 4th Floor
San Francisco, CA 94104

SUBJECT: Entertainment at Holiday Luncheon

Dear Jim:

On behalf of Wells Fargo Audit Services, let me congratulate and applaud you for the fantastic entertainment you provided at our staff luncheon yesterday afternoon. Management, staff, and guests were universally delighted by your humor and talent. In spite of the less than ideal circumstances (ambient noise, stuffy and crowded room) you prevailed and hypnotized some of our colleagues to the amusement and wonderment of all.

We were enchanted for more than one hour as you pled your skills, and virtually no one left the room for a phone call, cigarette break, or rest room emergency—all of us were totally entranced! Bravo to you, Jim.

I hope we can invite you back—that's been the universal comment from staff with whom I've spoken. Thanks so much!

Merry Christmas,

Thomas P. Pajak
Controller



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January 8, 1993

Susan Arco
The Entertainment Connection
1022 Willow St #201
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To Whom It May Concern:

As agent for all specialty acts of entertainment for The Entertainment Connection, I have occasion to see many acts of different caliber and professionalism. I would like to take the time to recommend James Seeles as most entertaining and extremely gifted in the field of hypnosis. I have had the pleasure of booking James at quite a variety of different functions, from corporate events to fraternalism and school functions and have got many favorable responses and rebookings as a result of his fine performances. His talents include a great repere with both large and small audiences as well as the ability to completely focus the audience on how powerful this field can be. I feel it is a very sensitive field and needs to be handled with both expert care and wit and James has the personality to handle both.

I would not hesitate to recommend him for any age and audience entertainment event.

Sincerely,
Susan Arco
Susan Arco

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The Entertainment Connection



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February 3, 2001

Mr. James L. Szelen
P O Box 0657
Pacifica, CA 94044-0657

Dear James,

Thank you for helping make Robeson County Fair an award winning fair again last year. We received the highest award, the Image Award, for any county fair in our state when we attended our state convention in January. We also received three other awards of recognition of various areas of our fair.

This letter is to let you know that we appreciate you and the hypnotist act you had at our fair last year. Our board has decided to try something different at our fair instead of your hypnotist act. We would like to reserve the right to contact you in future fairs and really appreciate your willingness to work with us.

Thank you again for such a good performance at our fair last year and look forward to working with you in the future.

Cordially,

Cable D. Wilson, Jr.
President



The University of Vermont

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October 12, 1998

Mr. Jim Soles
P.O. Box 0657
Pacifica, CA 94044-0657

Dear Jim:

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for performing at UVM's Homecoming / Family Weekend last Saturday. Your performance was both lively and humorous, and kept the audience on the edge of their seats. In addition, the performance was very professional which made it a great source of entertainment for the more than 300 students, families, and alumni in attendance.

It was a pleasure to work with you to organize and host the event, and I fully recommend you to other organizations to perform at their functions. I look forward to working with you again in the future. Thank you again for providing a memorable evening.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brian Lee".

Brian Lee
Office of Orientation and Parent Relations
University of Vermont



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May 21, 2001

James Szalos
P.O. Box 0657
Pacific, CA 94044-0657

Dear Jim,

Thank you so much for an absolutely fantastic show! Hypnotism was something unique for us to try at our 16th Annual Users' Conference. It was a huge hit with all of the conference attendees.

It was so hysterical to see our clients and fellow Blackboard employees dancing like Chippendale dancers, being proposed to by Brad Pitt, screaming for and dancing with Elvis, arguing over a lottery ticket, and completely enthralled in being James Bond. The video is making its way around the office and is the high commodity around here!

Our clients will be talking about your show for years to come! Thanks again for such a wonderful night of entertainment.

Sincerely,

Aissa Rogoff
Marketing Manager, Client Programs



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January 8, 2001

Jim Scales
P.O. Box 6657
Pacific, CA 94044-0657

Dear Jim,

I just wanted to thank you for the wonderful show you did for our holiday party. People talked about it for weeks afterwards. They said things like, "He was so fun!" And, "I haven't laughed that much in a long time". They also suggested that we have you back for a future party. I am sure I will be calling you again real soon. I have just a few things I would like you to know. First, our CEO was very please and appreciated the entertainment, especially the fun about himself, and Second, we were very pleased on how tasteful your show was. It was perfect for our corporate setting.

Thank you so much! I look forward to having your entertainment again real soon.

Sincerely,



Denise Roberts
Human Resource Representative



January 17, 2006

Re: Soles Stage Hypnotist
Special Event, Mortgagepointer.com

Dear Mr. Soles,

Thank you so much for your service, Mortgagepointer.com event was a success. Everyone at our office enjoyed your performance. We will look forward to your service in the future perhaps on our next special event.

If you need to contact us for references, please feel free to call us at 650-572-9600.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Justin Hashimoto", is written over a horizontal line.

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On November 17th James Saeles, master hypnotist, performed in Benson Memorial Center for an audience of Santa Clara University. His interactive hypnotist show proved to be a delight for the students in attendance. One of his best skills constructed by Mr. Saeles was to have two of the participant believe like they had actually won the lottery. As they jumped in the air in absolute delight, the audience laughed with absolute joy. At one point, while men on stage posed as body builders, a large crowd gathered outside the cafeteria peering through the windows at the flexing participants on stage. James Saeles' show went over well with the students because of its active involvement with the students, its humor, and its wonder. On top of that, Mr. Saeles happens to be a nice gentleman who is incredibly easy to work with.


Andrew Hankenhook



February 23, 2009

Mr. James Szekes
Post Office Box 0657
Pacifica, CA 94044

Dear Jim,

Thank you for providing such outstanding entertainment for our employee appreciation party last Saturday. I feel I can speak for all in attendance, when I say that we haven't laughed so hard in a long time! We all had great fun and you were definitely the hot topic around the office on Monday, in fact we are still talking about your performance! Brad is now affectionately known as "Gumby Boy" although he doesn't quite understand why! But I suspect he will when we get the DVD.

I was very impressed with how professional and tastefully executed your show was; you are super easy to work with, and I appreciate that, especially since we changed the dates and times on you so much! Thank you again for a splendid job. I would not hesitate to recommend you and your show to anyone.

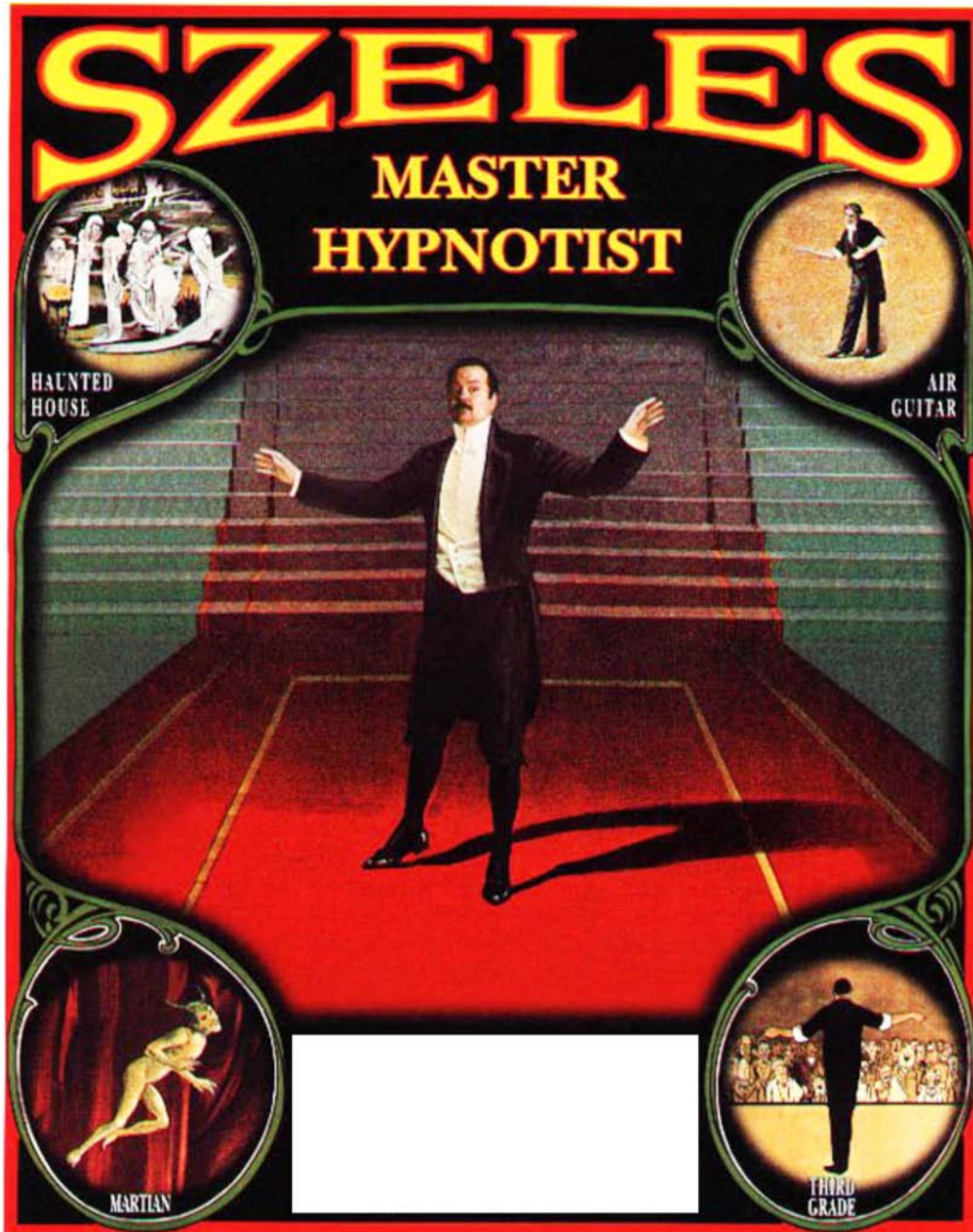
Best regards,

Desiree Pascual
Office Administrator

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