

Motivational Magic with Steve Harmer

Show Title: "Brilliant and Resilient!"

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About the Artist



- At a very early age Steve Harmer was captured by the wonder of magic and the excitement of juggling and unicycling. So he began his lifelong journey of learning these skills just for the joy in it.
- Later on while being trained as a teacher and then principal, Steve realized that these skills could be used as powerful teaching tools. So he pursued his passion and created his business called "Motivational Magic".
- Steve's Purpose: "Education!" "Motivation!" "Inspiration!"
- Steve's Mission: "Offering encouragement and hope to students everywhere!"
- As an experienced educator, a school gym is Steve's favorite venue in the world!

About the Performance

- Steve delivers powerful messages through the use of magic, juggling, unicycles, music and story-telling.
- Students are completely engaged in the magic, mystery and message for each 55 min. performance.
- Steve uses a different exciting colorful illusions, trick or story to illustrate each part of his message.
- He uses 7 arrow signs with his 7 key concepts as his graphic organizer/outline for this show.
- The audience participates throughout by listening, clapping, laughing and volunteering to help on stage.
- The students are delighted as Steve floats a table, rides a unicycle and produces a live dove and rabbit!
- Steve is a "low maintenance" performer because he brings everything needed for the show.
- More information about Steve's outstanding presentations can be found at www.motivationalmagic.ca
- See these NEWS stories about Steve's journey and presentations: <https://youtu.be/yt6fz9xx5SE>
https://youtu.be/_1JbcxNvGOM

About the Art Form

- Magic has been capturing the imaginations of both young and old for hundreds of years. Juggling performances have been keeping people on the edge of their seats for centuries. When magic and juggling are tied to important messages, it makes the message memorable. The students learn through the fun of magic!
- He will present **The 7-C's** – key concepts that will help empower students with "RESILIENCE".
- He uses a graphic organizer made up of a signpost on which he displays 7 arrow signs. It includes these concepts: **1. Connection, 2. Confidence, 3. Competence, 4. Contribution, 5. Coping, 6. Character and 7. Control.**
- Each concept is illustrated through the use of a magic effect or illusion.
- Brain research tells us that when we connect an abstract concept to a concrete object, learning is enhanced.
- A "Resilience" Teacher's Study Guide is available.

Links to Curriculum

- Steve's presentations address these Healthy Relationships Objectives within the B.C. Health Education Curriculum.
 - qualities of friendships and healthy relationships
 - interpersonal skills
 - recognizing and responding to stereotyping, discrimination, and bullying
 - safe and caring schools

Pre-Performance Discussion Questions

- What does the word "brilliant" mean? Look it up in a dictionary.
- What does the word "resilient" mean? Look it up in a dictionary.
- Think of an example of someone who you think is brilliant.
- Think of an example of someone who was resilient.
- Tell us of a time in your life when you did something that was really clever or smart.
- Tell us about a time your life have you had it bounce back from a set back?

Post-Performance Activities

- Steve shared a personal story about how he was resilient after his van was vandalized and his magic equipment was stolen. How has your family overcome challenges?
- Think about how you respond to problems and difficulties. What are one or two strategies Steve has offered in his show that will help you bounce back more quickly?
- As you go through this week reflect on how you respond to problems along the way.
- Keep an eye out for friends or classmates who are going through problems. Make the extra effort to show caring and kindness towards them.

Post-Performance Discussion Questions

- Steve introduced new vocabulary throughout show. Explain in your own words how these 7 ideas can help you be resilient and bounce back from setbacks more quickly.
- 1. Connection: Your relationships with others
- 2. Confidence: Knowing you do many things well
- 3. Competence: Skills and abilities you have.
- 4. Contribution: Ways you make the world better
- 5. Coping: How you deal with problems
- 6. Character: Knowing right from wrong
- 7. Control: Knowing your choices matter

Learn more about this artist online at artstarts.com/aotd