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Responsibility and Alcohol

Magician's message not pulled out of a hat

Bloomington, Ill.-- Magician Tom Boz will present more than just hocus pocus when he performs in the Main Lounge of Illinois Wesleyan University's Memorial Student Center at 8 p.m., Monday, Nov. 13.

Magic is just part of Boz's program, "Shaken, Not Stirred," which is designed to separate illusion form the reality of alcohol abuse.

The event is free and open to the public.

Boz, a professional magician for 15 years, earned a degree in education from Northern Illinois University. His upbeat and entertaining program teaches college students about alcohol awareness.

Boz uses situations and illusions to demonstrate to students how alcohol alters their sense of reality, impairing normal good judgment. His message is: If you're going to drink, drink responsibly.

The program also illustrates how people are subliminally influenced by alcohol advertising.

Boz's program, which has been delivered at schools nationwide, "deals with students on their own level,: he said in a letter to the IWU Inter-Fraternity Council.

In addition to performing at more than 150 schools a year. Boz has performed weekly at Chicago's Pump Room for five years. He also was the opening act for Bob Dylan's Chicago performance on his 1991 world tour.

IWU's Inter-Fraternity Council and Panhellenic Council are sponsoring the event.