

'Phenomenon' winner brings mystic act to Penn State

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Mike Super won't be donning a tuxedo when he performs at Penn State this week, and his audience won't find ominous techno music, serious facial expressions or the "scarf up a sleeve" trick when he takes the stage.

The award-winning magician will perform at 10 p.m. Friday in Heritage Hall in the HUB-Robeson Center.

The event is presented by the Student Programming Association's LateNight and is free to anyone with a Penn State student photo ID.

Instead of adopting many of the clichés associated with magicians, Super said he tries to put on a more lighthearted act — complete with levitation, voodoo magic and a "Clue"-style murder mystery for the audience to solve over the course of the show.

If you go

What: Mike Super performance

Where: Heritage Hall in the HUB-Robeson Center

When: 10 p.m. Friday

Details: Show is free with Penn State student ID.

"I try to ask myself, 'What would I do if a normal person could do magic? What would they do?'" he said.

In 2007, Super won "Phenomenon," a live television competition on NBC to find the world's best "mystifier," according to Super's website.

But he got his start in magic much earlier, at the age of six, and performed through high school and into college.

And even though he sometimes elicits a few laughs from the college

crowd for his last name — which, he said, isn't fake — he loves performing in front of students and always looks forward to surprising them with the twists in his act.

Super said he's even been called the "Dane Cook of magic," and has performed alongside the comedian.

His own act, he said, definitely brings its own brand of humor, too.

"It's an unexpected extravaganza of comedy and magic that will reach out and touch the audience," Super said. "It goes over all genres of magic."

SPA LateNight Chair Kenny Verbos said he's heard good things about Super, and he's excited to see the magician.

"This'll be the first time I've ever seen him," Verbos (junior-biobehavioral health) said.

"But he's supposed to be very impressive. I think it's gonna be a really good show."

Fans looking for a preview of Super's act can find him on



Courtesy of Mike Super

Facebook ([Facebook.com/MikeSuperMagic](https://www.facebook.com/MikeSuperMagic)), where he said he operates a "mind-reading" service via Facebook chat.

He can also be found on Twitter

(@MikeSuper), and said he invites fans to follow him to tweet with him while he waits backstage.

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Cheap, expensive fall fashions available for students

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Let's face it — getting new gear for a new school year is of up-most importance for many.

So make sure to stay in style with these college necessities.

School Bags

For the Girls

Save: Fossil 'Vintage Reissue Lock' Leather Crossbody Satchel from Nordstrom

Price: \$238

Color: Camel

Though it's a little pricey, sometimes you just need to splurge. Cross body bags are hot this season, so make sure to stay in the loop with the classic silhouette of this bag that will look good with anything.

Splurge: MARC BY MARC JACOBS 'Petal to the Metal - Natasha' Flap Crossbody Bag from Nordstrom

Price: \$428

Color: Black

For a funkier, more artsy vibe, make an investment in this bag. The gold detailing is to die for, and even after the crossbody bag trend is no longer in style, this bag most likely still will be — it's a timeless fashion accessory.

For the Guys

Save: Vans Mohican Backpack from Zappos

Price: \$32

Color: Kelly Green

It's the color that definitely makes this backpack classy and original. It doesn't matter that the bag is simple — the color will make anyone who wears it stand out in a crowd.

Splurge: Gucci GG-Plus Backpack from Saks Fifth Avenue

Price: \$890

Color: Gucci-patterned

If your wallet is feeling a little heavy and you can justify spending \$890 on a backpack, then go ahead — make the purchase! It's Gucci, enough said.

Rain Shoes

For the Girls

Save: Gabriella Rocha from Zappos

Price: \$45.95

Color: Black/white/fuchsia

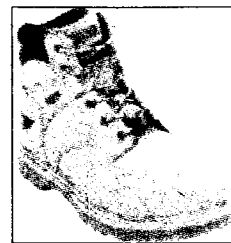
To add a little flair to your wardrobe, spice it up with these wellies. They combine a zebra print with hot pink trim, who wouldn't go wild over it?

Splurge: Kate Spade Randi from Zappos

Price: \$125

Color: Lipstick Pink Rubber

Complete with a cute bow, these shoes combine the elegant high-heeled boot with the conventional, practical rain boot.



Courtesy of kmart.com

For the Guys

Save: Texas Steer Kaine from Kmart

Price:

\$49.99

Color: Beige

These practical boots will keep your feet toasty in the cold.

Splurge: Timberland Pro Met Guard 8-inch Waterproof Steel Toe from Zappos

Price: \$160

Color: Black ever-guard level

If you want a shoe that will last a little longer, you'll have to pay the price. And with the shiny black color of these shoes, you're sure to stay in fashion.

Jackets

For the Girls

Save: Cropped Trench Coat from Gap

Price: \$79.50

Color: True Navy

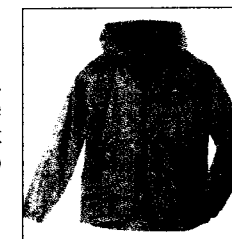
With a strong fall color and a classic pea coat, the trench coat is essential for fall weather and can also be used to layer over a heavier sweater for colder weather.

Splurge: Victoria Secret Double-breasted Plaid Peacoat

Price: \$138

Color: Grey Tweed

Victoria's Secret isn't just for lingerie. Look stylish and stay warm in a heavy-duty plaid jacket that's guaranteed to turn heads while keeping you cozy.



Courtesy of target.com

For the Guys

Save: Men's Kelty Jacket-Vine from Target

Price: \$34.99

Color: Vine Green

This jacket is lightweight and waterproof, for those who fear the rain more than the cold. It's the best combination for arriving dry to your destination.

Splurge: Men's Denali Jacket

Price: \$165- \$185

Color: Any

North Face is comfortable and does its job. Fight the whipping winds with a cozy jacket.

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