

## **The Magic & Illusions of Eric Michaels**

### **Show Ryder for Outdoor Performances** (Fairs, Festivals, City Celebrations, Etc.)

Hello! The following document is the official shows Ryder for The Magic & Illusions of Eric Michaels. PLEASE look this document over carefully as it contains a lot of helpful/ instructional information and describes what you can expect with an Eric Michaels Production. Please adhere to this Ryder as closely as possible. The Magic & Illusions of Eric Michaels is very good at sticking to schedules, so please have the things we request available on time.

If you should have any problems fulfilling our needs and requests, PLEASE do not hesitate to contact us so we can reach a mutually agreeable solution. DON'T WAIT, We are reasonable and care about the problems and issues you may face regarding our show. We rely on you to bring these issues to our attention in a timely manner in order to help things run smoothly. We look forward to working with you and performing at your event!

**Advertising** properly is a sure fire way to increase knowledge about, and bring people to your event. For public performances/events, it is preferred that the purchaser advertise Eric Michaels by name in order to bring the maximum amount of people possible to the show. Eric is more than happy to provide posters, pictures, and other material to help advertise effectively. It is preferred ALL advertising materials including but not limited to television, radio, print, and internet be approved by Eric Michaels Productions and can be e-mailed to [ericmichaelsmagic@gmail.com](mailto:ericmichaelsmagic@gmail.com).

**Arrival Time/Load In:** Eric Michaels & Crew will typically arrive 90 minutes to 2 hours prior to ShowTime. Load in will begin upon arrival. This allows plenty of time for equipment to be unloaded and set up before guests arrive. See contract for specific time of load in.

**Contact Person:** It is requested that a contact person, someone who has access to the venue location, and with knowledge of the event be on hand, or available by phone, from the time Eric Michaels & Crew arrive on site. This person will need to know where the best place for the performers to park, where the exact location of the performance will be, and need to be able to answer any other questions that may arise during the event. If there are any local road closures, current road construction, or anything else that would be good to know please notify Eric as soon as possible. (A complete list of contact information can be found at the bottom of the page)

**Stage:** A Stage is always nice but not required. If a stage is going to be provided it will be done at the sole cost of the purchaser and shall fit the following dimensions. Minimum dimensions are 16 feet wide and 16 feet deep, raised with a minimum of 2 feet. (Ideal Stage Size: 20ft wide x 24 ft. deep, 2 ft. high) If the stage is higher than 2 ft., a set of steps or ramp shall be required with direct access to either front or side of stage. If a stage will not be provided then a Performing Area of the same dimensions will need to be provided. This area should be clear of any obstructions/tables/chairs/etc. and needs to be a hard surface, such as wood, tile, or concrete. ABSOLUTELY NO GRASS OR GRAVEL. There are many props and illusions on wheels that need to be able to move quickly and smoothly. For outside performances it is preferred that stage/performing area be under a tent or in some sort of shade.

Please have the stage/performing area available and ready prior to the arrival of Eric Michaels & Crew.

This will ensure a quick and smooth load in. If the stage is not clear and load in/set up is delayed due to previous performers or any other reason the start of the show cannot be guaranteed to be on time. If there will be different acts on the stage prior to Eric's show please notify Eric no later than 2 weeks prior to the performance at (319)-987-2332 or ericmichaelsmagic@gmail.com.

**Parking:** Eric Michaels and Crew typically travel in a Suburban with a 9x12 Cargo Trailer, a combined length of 35ft. If there is a charge for parking it will be at the sole cost of the purchaser. For outside performances it is requested that there be an area with plenty of room for the Truck and Trailer to park AS CLOSE AS POSSIBLE or within 40 ft. to the stage/performing area. The reason being there are many bigger props that stay in the trailer until right before the show, The live animals are housed in the trailer until show time, and the trailer also doubles as a dressing room for the cast and crew.

**Backdrops and Curtains:** are used mostly at all shows. This provides performance value to the show as well as a place for miscellaneous props to be placed when not being used and also a hiding spot for Eric's assistant when she is not on stage. The dimensions of the curtains/backdrops are 14ft wide and 7 ft. high. If there are low hanging signs or projector screens directly behind the performance area, there is a chance they might be blocked by the curtains/backdrops. Please plan accordingly.

**Sound:** The Magic & Illusions of Eric Michaels travels with their own sound system. Used is a 16 channel Mackie FX Mixer. The mixer is placed in the house (audience) normally about 30ft in front of the stage off to one side. An area of 5ftx5ft will be needed for the mixer. An 8 channel snake runs from the sound mixer to the back of the stage where it hooks into a power amp. Speaker cables run from the back of the stage to each side of the stage and plug into Mackie Box Speakers, One on each side of the stage. Microphones are also the property of Eric Michaels and used are 2 wireless headsets and 1 wireless handheld. Music is played on a laptop computer which is plugged directly into the mixer on its own channel.

**Sound Check:** Sound Check is done during load in. Microphones and Music will be tested and sound levels adjusted, It may get a little loud at times, and can take up to 15 minutes.

**Power:** Two different power outlets will be needed. One must be within 100ft of house center (or where the sound mixer will be) and the other must be within 100ft of backstage center. Separate 110 circuits are preferred and no other loads shall be placed on these circuits without the consent of an Eric Michaels crew member. Any damage resulting from a disconnection or switch off by anyone other than an Eric Michaels crew member shall be borne by the purchaser. Any use of generators must be approved at least 2 weeks in advance.

**Lighting:** The Magic & Illusions of Eric Michaels does not typically travel with a lighting system. A lighting system can be provided but will require an additional 2 110 circuits for power and an additional 30 minutes for load in. If a lighting system is required, please notify Eric as soon as possible but no later than 2 weeks prior to the performance. For indoor performances it is preferred there be plenty of light on the stage/performing area and the house lights dimmed if possible.

**Before the Show:** 20 minutes before the show it is requested that the designated contact person give Eric a green light to start the show on time. This is crucial as there are a few last minute preparations that need to be taken in this timeframe. There is up to 15 minutes of pre-show music that may be played. Three minutes prior to the show a pre-recorded intro and song will play. After those three

minutes have passed, if anyone wishes to personally introduce Eric, this will be the time and place. Next a 30 second pre-recorded announcement will play and immediately following, the performers will walk onto the stage from behind the curtains and the show will have started! If anyone wishes to introduce Eric, this MUST be pre-arranged with Eric no later than 45 minutes prior to the start of the show.

**News footage and Archival Footage:** The Magic & Illusions of Eric Michaels is a copyrighted show and is not to be recorded in its entirety for any purpose without a prior written agreement with Eric Michaels. Portions of the show may be recorded by news organizations as long as the news organization contacts Eric Michaels for permission at least 1/2 hour before the performance begins.

**Meet n' Greet:** Eric is always available after each performance and would be happy to meet, chat with, sign autographs, and pose for pictures with your guests.

**Merchandise:** Merchandise is sold by Eric Michaels and Cast with 100% of profits going to Eric Michaels. Items included for sale are: -Clipped Card Magic Trick, -Rising Wands, -Mini Magic Kits, -Souvenir Show Poster, -Stiff Rope Magic trick, -Easy Magic Kits, -EM Pandora Bags Sets. Items are subject to change with little or no warning. To view items for more detail visit [www.EricMichaelsMagic.com](http://www.EricMichaelsMagic.com).

**Load Out:** Load out typically takes about 1 hour from the time the meet n' greet has finished to the time the last piece of equipment has been loaded into the trailer. If there are any other shows scheduled to be on the same stage immediately following the performance please notify Eric no later than 2 weeks prior to the performance at (319)987-2332 or [EricMichaelsMagic@gmail.com](mailto:EricMichaelsMagic@gmail.com). These issues can be worked around.

**Beverages:** During warm days of outdoor performances, the cast and crew would like to request 6-10 8oz bottles of water or Gatorade (Purple, Red, or Blue), be on hand no later one hour before Showtime. Cold or Chilled on ice in a cooler next to the stage.

**Payment:** No down payment is required; however the full amount of the performance fee must be paid in full either by cash or check the day of, either before or immediately following the performance. For companies needing paperwork such as a w-9, it is strongly recommended to forward such paperwork to [EricMichaelsMagic@gmail.com](mailto:EricMichaelsMagic@gmail.com) as soon as possible. Checks can be made to "Eric Michaels." Tipping is completely at your discretion and should only be considered if you feel that you have received value above and beyond your expectations. Eric guarantees the same level of quality and professionalism regardless.

So there you have it! We understand this document may be overwhelming or even sound a little scary at first but don't worry, it's not as bad as it may sound. We are here to help you! Our main purpose is to entertain and provide an enjoyable performance for everyone. We want everyone to have fun including you and us! If you have any questions or would like even more information, please don't hesitate to contact Eric directly! Thank you for your time and we are looking forward to your event!

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