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## Arts

# 'Suspended Reality' tours wild world of illusions

At an age when most young adults would be cramming for their next geography exam, international magic champion Dave Womach is busy touring the world with his award-winning illusion show. After just completing a tour of 12 countries, an international television appearance in China, and a six week contract on board Princess Cruise Lines, he's ready and anxious to perform once again in the U.S.

Magician/illusionist Dave Womach, graduated from North Central High School in Spokane in 2002, and has spent most of the last two years bringing audiences to their feet with his comedy magic and amazing illusions.

"It's what I love doing," Dave said. "It's a thrill to make people laugh, and to amaze them at the same time. There aren't too many performance arts out there that can do just that."

Womach isn't new to show business. He's been performing magic since the age of four, and went professional at age 13.

"It wasn't easy combining school with my profession. It seemed that school often got in the way of my career," he said jokingly. "My last year of high



**Dave Womach, who graduated from North Central High School in Spokane, will be performing in magic/illusion show at the Panida on Saturday.**

school I missed nearly 50 percent of the school year, while I was out performing. Somehow I managed to still maintain good grades."

You may have seen a few magic shows before, but you have never seen anything quite like this. Dave isn't your average magician. He combines the use of exotic trained birds, with his incredible talent of sleight of hand; an act which he received a gold metal with, in a competition against magicians from all over the world.

"I've always loved animals,"

Dave said. "My family had animals my entire childhood. Everything from parakeets to cockatoos and macaws. We even had a toucan at one point."

Walking through walls, making beautiful girls appear

from nowhere, cutting someone into pieces and restoring them... These are all incredible to watch, but more amazing is the interaction with the animals. I can't imagine that it would be easy to train birds to do some of the amazing skills Dave presents in his show. Among numerous other amazing skills, the one I remember the most is a little parakeet that climbs up a rope, runs across a table, up a ladder to the top, spins around, and jumps through a hoop, all with flawless precision. (I don't want to reveal anything else here, you'll have to see the rest for yourself!)

This Saturday night, Dave Womach will be presenting his full scale illusion show at the Panida Theater in Sandpoint, Idaho at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10 in advance (\$15 at the door), and they are available at Pack River Potions, Eichardt's, and Design Ideas.