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Illusionist Rob Lake Enchants Troops and their Families

Popular magician goes on first tour with Armed Forces Entertainment

Internationally renowned illusionist Rob Lake will enthrall U.S. troops and their families stationed in Europe with his mesmerizing magic show, *A Night of Magic*. Acclaimed as the magic industry's foremost rising star, Lake has been rated the number one touring magic show by his peers. At age 16, he was named America's Greatest Young Magician by the Fox Family Channel. In addition, he has created numerous illusions and effects for other magicians, including David Copperfield.

Lake began his career at the young age of 10 by performing for civic groups and children's parties in his hometown of Norman, Okla. Since 2003, Lake has toured full-time throughout the United States and overseas. He recently returned from his second sell-out tour in Japan.

Lake is especially excited to be going on his first tour for the military. "My grandfather served in Japan in World War II and one of his favorite memories was getting to see Irving Berlin perform for the troops." In fact, it was Lake's grandfather who encouraged him to go on a military tour if he got the chance.

"I know how much our troops are sacrificing for our country and how difficult it is to be far from home," Lake said. "With my show I want to bring them the chance to suspend disbelief for a short time and to enjoy the childlike sense of wonder, joy and excitement. That's the gift I want to give to our troops and their families as a way to say thanks for all that they do."

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Lake has customized his touring show for the US troops and will include three talented dancers and his favorite and most popular signature illusions. The show is known for engaging audience members in a number of the illusions.

"Rob Lake is a world-class illusionist who puts on a show that is nothing short of amazing," Marine Corps Captain Jesse Davidson, Armed Forces Entertainment circuit manager for Europe and the Mediterranean. "His performance is electrifying and will please young and old alike. I know our troops and their families will be thrilled to experience this interactive show."

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