

'Psychic Duo' gives magic a new meaning as astonished crowd packs Granite State room

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On Saturday, eager parents and UNH students gathered in the Granite State Room for what's said to be "the finest act of its kind," according to NBC.

Funded by the Parents Association, Campus Activities Board, and the MUB, The Evasons were back by popular demand.

Director of the Parents Association, Janet Cass, said they had to turn people away last year because it was in the Strafford Room, which is much smaller than the Granite State Room. Fortunately, the Granite State Room was available, so they didn't have to turn anyone away.

Assistant Director of the MUB, Dave Zamansky, said that the rain helped with attendance. There were 690 seats available and 540 people came to see the show even busier than last year.

The Evasons have put on their mind-reading act for audiences all over the United States and have been to 28 different countries. Jeff and Tessa Evason are known as the "Psychic Duo" and have shocked audiences at what they are able to do.

"Halloween is one of our biggest times of the year because we like to try to freak people out, and it seems to work," said Jeff Evason.

Tessa used her skills to guess the names of audience members she had never met before. They are even able to make an apparition appear on a photograph taken of an audience member. Jeff said guys call their show "gut feeling," while Tessa says girls call it "intuition."

As part of the performance, Jeff chose an audience member named Chrissy, who owned a cell phone. Tessa stood with her back toward the audience and had her choose one phone number from her list, telling Chrissy to think really hard about the number. Astoundingly, Tessa was able to come up with both the number and the name of Chrissy's friend. Chrissy held her hands to her face, astonished at what Tessa was able to do.

Jeff chose many audience members randomly to take part in the mind-reading phenomenon. He had parents and students take out objects that meant something to them, and had Tessa blindfolded. She guessed their names, what



Courtesy Photo

Mentalists The Evasons mesmerized UNH students in the Granite State Room last Saturday.

the object was, and what significance the objects had to them. Tessa was even able to figure out the name of the person who gave the object to them and the serial number on a ten dollar bill.

the silver no one could fool her.

People started to stir in their chairs and look at each other in disbelief, saying "no way."

When it came time for one of the final acts of the evening, the audience was asked to raise their hands if they

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Many people were eager to be chosen to take part in the mind-reading experience, as hands went up with driver's licenses, credit cards, rings, membership cards, and photographs.

The show got particularly interesting when money was offered to people who wanted to participate.

For this particular stunt, five audience members were chosen and each were asked to choose a silver ball or a black ball, and not to show anyone what color they had -- there was one black amongst the four silver. Tessa was able to guess which two people had silver balls, and who had the black ball came down to the last two audience members. Jeff said that he would give them each \$1,000 if Tessa got it wrong. The two participants became nervous, while everyone in the room was on the edges of their seats. But, once again, Tessa was correct when she guessed who had the black ball and

had ever seen a ghost. The people who raised their hands were asked when they saw it, and if they could make out who it was.

Tessa chose a woman named Paula, and asked her to come onto the stage. She was asked to have either a member of her family participate with her, or a person chosen at random. Paula chose her daughter, Ashley.

Jeff asked yet another person to participate, this time someone who was into photography. The person who was chosen was asked to take a picture with the Polaroid camera given to him. When given the signal, he was going to take a picture of Paula from the chest up so that there was a lot of the white space behind her.

Jeff told Paula to relax and think about the day she got a visitation from the ghost. "In a few moments you are going to see certain things of your imagination," Jeff told Paula. "You may feel a sudden change in temperature you may feel like someone has touched you if any of this happens, please remember." Jeff gave the photographer the signal, told the audience to focus on the white screen in back of Paula, and the picture was taken.

When the picture developed, Jeff showed the audience, and many gathered around the stage to see that there was a face behind Paula. When Paula was asked to identify the face, she said it was her mother, and started to cry from the thought that she made a connection with her mother who had passed away.

Many audience members were astonished by The Evasons' performance. "I didn't believe in this, but I do now," said audience member Dawn Lucier.

The Evasons amaze audiences around the world. They perform at colleges across the United States and also do corporate entertainment. They will be performing at colleges throughout New England this week and will continue their journey this summer when they go to Sweden and Germany to get more audiences "psyched."



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