

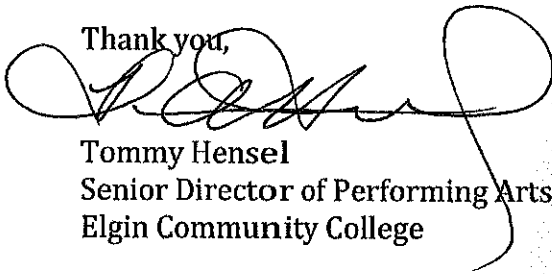


During my 14-year tenure as Managing Director of the Fine and Performing Arts Center at Moraine Valley Community College we presented several different magicians and illusionists. In my mind, the best of those shows was undoubtedly *Vitaly: An Evening of Wonders*. In my new position as, Senior Director of Performing Arts at Elgin Community College, Vitaly is one of the first performers I have booked for my first season here.

At Moraine Valley, Vitaly was one of the first shows we presented as we emerged from the pandemic and audiences were primed to finally return to a live performing arts event. They were not disappointed! The show is fast-paced, fun, engaging and full of mind-blowing illusions. Vitaly is a master of his art, and we had many audience members email and call afterwards to find out when we were going to book him again. He has a delightful rapport with the audience and manages to keep topping each illusion with an even better one, constantly astounding the audience.

Behind the scenes, Vitaly and his crew are absolutely professional. The technical requirements of the show are simple enough that nearly any venue should be able to accommodate his requests. Vitaly and his crew are easy to work with and treat everyone with kindness and respect. One of the hallmarks of a great show for me is not only the quality of the performance - but also the experience of our staff working with the artists and their teams. I can absolutely verify that Vitaly and his team will be a delight for both the audience and the staff of the theater.

Thank you,



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