

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1982

HYPNOTISM ACT 1952

STAGE HYPNOTISM CONSENT

The Brighton and Hove Council acting as the appropriate licensing authority in pursuance of the above Act, hereby grant

To: Colin Adamson

Of: 6 Heath Park Drive, Leighton Buzzard, Beds LU7 3BF

This consent for the use of the place known as: **Ladies Mile Hotel** and situated at: **2 Mackie Avenue, Patcham, Brighton, East Sussex** in the said Borough for the purpose of: **1 x Hypnosis Show (min. 45 mins)**

PERFORMANCE OF STAGE HYPNOTISM

subject to the conditions and restrictions contained herewith on the following days and times: **Saturday, 3rd February 2007**
9 pm until 00.00 (midnight)

The number of persons permitted on the licensed premises at any one time shall not exceed: **250**

The licence shall remain in force from: **3rd day of February 2007** until and including **3rd day of February 2007** unless previously revoked

Dated this :**9th day of January 2007**



Assistant Director, Public Safety

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Publicity

- (a) No poster, advertisement or programme for the performance which is likely to cause public offence shall be displayed, sold or supplied, by or on behalf of the licensee either at the premises or elsewhere.
- (b) Every poster, advertisement or programme for the performance which is displayed, sold or supplied shall include, clearly and legibly, the following statement:

"Volunteers must be aged 18 or over".

Insurance

- (c) The performance shall be covered to a reasonable level by public liability insurance. The hypnotist must provide evidence of this to the local authority if requested; and it must be available for inspection at the performance.

Physical arrangements

- (d) The means of access between the auditorium and the stage for participants shall be properly lit and free from obstruction.
- (e) A continuous white or yellow line shall be provided on the floor of any raised stage at a safe distance from the edge. This line shall run parallel with the edge of the stage for its whole width. The hypnotist shall inform all subjects that they must not cross the line whilst under hypnosis; unless specifically told to do so as a part of the performance.

Treatment of audience and subjects

- (f) Before starting the performance the hypnotist shall make, in a statement to the audience, in a serious manner, identifying those groups of people who should not volunteer to participate in it, explaining what volunteers might be asked to perform, informing the audience of the possible risks from embarrassment or anxiety, and emphasises that subjects may cease to participate at any time they wish. The following is a suggested statement, which might be amended as necessary to suit individual styles so long as the overall message remains the same:

"I shall be looking for volunteers aged over 18 who are willing to be hypnotised and participate in the show. Anyone who comes forward should be prepared to take part in a range of entertaining hypnotic suggestions but can be assured that they will not be asked to do

anything which is indecent, offensive or harmful. Volunteers need to be in normal physical and mental health and I must ask that no-one volunteers if they have a history of mental illness, are under the influence of alcohol or other drugs or are pregnant."

- (g) No form of coercion shall be used to persuade members of the audience to participate in the performance. In particular, hypnotists shall not use selection techniques which seek to identify and coerce onto the stage the most suggestible members of the audience without their prior knowledge of what is intended. Any use of such selection techniques (e.g. asking members of the audience to clasp their hands together and asking those who cannot free them again to come onto the stage) should only be used when the audience are fully aware of what is intended and that participation is entirely voluntary at every stage.
- (h) If volunteers are to remain hypnotised during an interval in the performance, a reasonable number of attendants as agreed with the licensing authority shall be in attendance throughout to ensure their safety.

Prohibited actions

- (i) The performance shall be so concluded as not to be likely to cause offence to any person in the audience or any hypnotised subject.
- (j) The performance shall be so conducted as not to be likely to cause harm, anxiety or distress to any person in the audience or any hypnotised subject. In particular, the performance shall not include:-
 - (i) Any suggestion involving the age regression of a subject i.e. asking the subject to revert to an earlier in their life; this does not prohibit the hypnotist from asking subjects to act as if they were a child, etc).
 - (ii) Any suggestion that the subject has lost something (e.g. a body part) which, if it occurred in reality, could cause considerable distress.
 - (iii) Any demonstration in which the subject is suspended between supports (so called "catalepsy").
 - (iv) The consumption of any harmful, noxious or otherwise unpleasant substance.
 - (v) Any demonstration of the power of hypnosis to block pain e.g. pushing a needle through the skin).
- (k) the performance shall not include the giving of hypnotherapy or any other form of treatment;

Completion

- (l). All hypnotised subjects shall remain in the presence of the hypnotist and in the room in which the performance takes place until all hypnotic suggestions have been removed.
- (m) All hypnotic or post-hypnotic suggestions shall be completely removed from the minds of the subjects (including the audience) before the conclusion of the performance. All hypnotised subjects shall have the suggestions removed both individually and collectively and the hypnotist shall confirm with each of them that they feel well and relaxed (the restriction on post-hypnotic suggestions does not extend to preventing the hypnotist from telling subjects that they will feel well and relaxed after the suggestions are removed).
- (n) The hypnotist shall remain available for at least 30 minutes after the show to help in dealing with any problems which might arise. (Such help might take the form of reassurance in the event of headaches or giddiness but this condition does not imply that the hypnotist is an appropriate person to treat anyone who is otherwise unwell.)

Authorised access

(o) where -

- i. a constable; or
- ii. an authorised officer of the licensing authority; or
- iii. an authorised officer of the fire authority

has reason to believe that a performance is being, or is about to be, given he may enter the venue with a view to seeing whether the conditions on which approval for the performance was granted are being complied with.