

Frank Thurston, Magician  
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He loves fooling people. In fact, he makes a good living at it.

“Watching a child’s eyes light up in surprise, and seeing laughter and disbelief on the faces of adults is great,” Thurston said, “and I can’t wait to wow El Dorado County Fairgoers.”

Thurston, who will be entertaining audiences at the El Dorado County Fair June 18 through 21 has been doing magic since he could remember; in fact, he learned numbers when his uncle used playing cards as flash cards.

“My uncle had a magic shop near my grandmother’s house, and every time I’d visit her, I’d make a beeline to his shop, where he dropped everything to teach me the latest tricks,” said Thurston.

He invested a lot of time in magic and soon was earning “date money” in high school by performing at birthday parties and shows. And as he got older, he became the ultimate performer. “David Copperfield was a great influence on me,” he said, “not just because of his magic, but because of the way he uses every aspect of theatre, lighting, sound and choreography to create a dramatic mood.”

Thurston added, “I do family comedy magic, which means my magic is not just a kiddie show, but entertains the adults as well, adding theatrical arts touches and drama throughout.”

Certainly, he clarified, he practices his magic at home on his two young daughters, who have been sworn to secrecy. “Magic is the second oldest profession in the world and it relies on secrecy. My daughters have learned about the importance of magical secrets and respect it, denying their friends’ many requests to tell them how it is done.”

“Magicians give up being fooled when they learn magic tricks, but watching the expressions and wonder on the faces of my audience is what amazes me,” he added. “That, and the fact that I get paid to do something I love so much.”

Making a living doing what you enjoy is perhaps the greatest magic of all.

For more information about Frank Thurston and other entertainment at the El Dorado County Fair, log onto [www.eldoradocountyfair.org](http://www.eldoradocountyfair.org).

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