

Cody Clark Magic

Cody Clark is a 30 year old professional magician/autistic self-advocate from Louisville, KY. He was diagnosed with autism at 15 months of age, upon which his parents were warned he'd never walk, talk, hold down jobs, or tell them he loved them. His parents' tenacity combined with therapy services received at the University of Louisville Autism Center resulted in him being able to walk, talk, and be mainstreamed in the Jefferson County Public School system. His academic success was on par with his peers, but social and physical difficulties resulting from his autism made him always feel working independently would be his best long term career path.

During a family vacation to Gulf Shores, AL at the age of 11, he was called on stage to assist during a magic show and he felt empowered like never before! Magic became his passion and he developed his talents through the Louisville Magic Club, the Jeff McBride Magic & Mystery School, and his Bachelor's Degree in Marketing + Theatre Arts Minor from the University of Louisville. Upon his graduation from college in December 2015, he felt prepared to formally begin business as a self-employed magician and disability advocate.

His roster of services consists of entertaining magic shows and inspiring talks which place his magic routines within common life experiences. By entertaining with his magic and relating to audiences via his scripts, he shows audiences ranging from public library patrons, K-12 students, college students, educators, and corporate employees how autism makes him see the world differently and that he and others with autism have similar life goals and desires as anyone else. His favorite type of audience however, is when he gets to mentor young adults with disabilities in various state and national vocational assistance programs and use his magic and talks to help prepare them for becoming successful adults. His main goal with all his engagements is for people to realize that differences such as autism are nothing to be scared of - but rather a different way of thinking.

His past clients include major universities like University of Kentucky, Northern Arizona University, and Ohio State University, corporations like Energizer Batteries, Delta Faucet Company, and Iron Mountain, and even magic legend and fellow Kentuckian Lance Burton! He can be found at codyclarkmagic.com or on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and TikTok as @codyclarkmagic.