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Cleveland magician and card thrower Rick Smith Jr. recently performed as a headliner at Michael Cerbelli's *The Hot List* event, where he performed original card throwing stunts in front of a large audience of businesspeople and entertainers.

As the second-to-last performer to take the stage after 8 other main acts including Harrison's Comedy and Digital Deception, Smith was given a three-minute window within which to impress the audience as much as possible. After bringing audience volunteers (and eventually Cerbelli) onto the stage to become involved in the performance, Smith performed a number of his highlight stunts, including a number of those from his recently-gone-viral YouTube collaboration with popular channel Dude Perfect.

As the audience became increasingly engaged in the performance and by the end wanted more stunts, the 3-minute performance went twice as long as scheduled. After the main expo was over, Smith performed his popular form of casual "parlor magic" while the guests ate dinner before returning to the stage for a full-sized Las Vegas-style magic show at the end.

About "The Hot List"

The Hot List is an entertainment-industry convention hosted by Michael Cerbelli, who organizes the event each year in order to showcase popular and upcoming developments in the world of performance entertainment. At *The Hot List*, Cerbelli and his team choose 10 headliners to perform for an audience made up of the entire convention whom he believes represent the most unique and promising forms of entertainment of the year.

RICK SMITH JR.

MAGICIAN • ILLUSIONIST • ENTERTAINER

About Rick Smith Jr.

Smith, who has appeared on live television for programs including “The Ellen DeGeneres Show,” “The Tonight Show,” and “Shark Tank,” holds three Guinness World Records for throwing a playing card the furthest, fastest and highest. Combining this unique talent with his decades of experience in magic and comedy, he has spent the past twenty years travelling the world and performing for audiences of all sizes. He performs at over 600 events each year, continuing to add new acts to his team as his national and global notoriety have grown.

Along with running his own private for-profit business, Smith is the founder and headliner for his charitable scholastic fundraising organization, Magic Gives Back. Through Magic Gives Back, Smith has raised thousands of dollars to support American public schools via performances at school districts around the country.

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