

### **Event Review: The Evasons Mind Readers**

*By Alison Sherry*

You may have seen them on NBC's *World's Greatest Magic 5* or *Powers of the Paranormal* on FOX. But Jeff and Tess Evason brought their amazing powers of ESP (Extra-Sensory Perception) right into the Henry Student Center Grand Ballroom last Tuesday night.

This was no show built on simple tricks, fortune telling magicians, or pulling rabbits out of a hat. Students who didn't believe in the powers of ESP prior to the show, may well have walked away from the show with at least slightly more belief.

I admit I was a bit of a skeptic at first. I thought I had seen it all before, so how could this be any different? Like the rest of the audience, I was in for a shock. Jeff and Tess Evason took the stage and marveled the audience with their awesome powers of ESP.

The show started off with many of the audience members' participation. The Evasons asked everyone in the audience to pull out an object of personal belonging such as a picture, money, or a driver's license. With Tess blindfolded, Jeff went around the room and picked people with the most interesting objects while Tess used her powers of ESP to guess their names, birthdays, or what objects the students in their hands.

Nobody was disappointed by this amazing stunt. Tess even went so far as to guess the name of a girl's mother. Gasps and cheers rang throughout the ballroom. Probably the most amazing stunt of the night was a girl who was picked out of the audience to have her picture taken in front of a white cloth while sitting relaxed in a chair with her eyes closed. She had to think of a loved one who had passed on a few years ago while someone took a picture with a polaroid camera.

Afterwards, Jeff asked the girl if she had felt anything during her concentration. The girl responded she had felt someone touch her on her back and she had a memory of a Christmas spent with her loved one. When the picture developed, it was clear you could see a figure behind the girl in the background shadowing over her. With gasps and screams, the audience ran to the stage as Jeff showed disbelieving audience that what had happened was in fact real. I'd argue there wasn't a skeptical soul left in the house.

How these two amazing people, who have been married for twenty-one years, come to meet each other? Was it ESP?

"Tess was a fashion model in Canada and I worked at a radio station," said Jeff Evason. "I happened to know the owner of the agency and Tess and I ended up meeting at a party. She has been practicing ESP since she was little and I have always been interested in magic."

Evason also went on to explain the power of the intuition that the show was based on. "There is a small percentage of language that is spoken. In the first thirty seconds, you can decide whether you like someone or not. Intuition is based on things we do or things we don't understand. Everybody's perception is different."

The Evasons perform at 100 to 150 colleges every year as well as casinos, cruise ships, theaters, and corporate events. "We both love doing it. We love the colleges because it is younger energy."

In the case of some of their stunts, such as the student with the Polaroid camera, Evason said they try to pre-screen people. "It might freak them out," he explained, "We like to have them choose an older person because it might have been a natural death so it's nothing too tragic."

The audience's reaction was astounding. "Dude, that thing was freaky!" said junior Mylinh Nguyen, "I was a skeptic...but now I know he didn't pick me to volunteer because he knew he couldn't pronounce my name!"

After the show, the Evasons sold copies of their book, *The Magic of ESP* for \$10 while Tess Evason answered questions from the audience on anything they wanted to know. Hopefully the Evasons will visit us again soon...but only they know where their future will lead.

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