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— The Associated Press

**Backstage Pass**

INSIGHTS ON STAGE, SCREEN AND BEYOND

**Variety of  
Magicians  
Showcase Their  
Unique Tricks**



Michael Turco, makes a box magically levitate on stage during The Masters of Illusion at The Sharon L. Morse Performing Arts Center.

George Horsford | Daily Sun

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By **KRISTEN FIORE** | Daily Sun Senior Staff Writer

The audience didn't appear out of thin air, but some of the people on stage did. Or so it seemed.

"Masters of Illusion," a group of talented musicians, wowed the audience with a variety of tricks Monday evening at The Sharon L. Morse Performing Arts Center.

They disappeared and appeared, made objects levitate and broke out of traps.

A different kind of show for The Sharon, "Masters of Illusion" is not only America's largest touring magic show, but it also is a television series on the CW.

Monday's show was packed with upbeat music, dancers, costumes and impressively

built illusion sets that left the audience wondering how the tricks were done.

And the magicians made the tricks look effortless, as if making two people appear out of thin air is as simple as waving a blanket.

The lineup of magicians included Ed Alonzo, Naathan

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CELEBRITY SPOTLIGHT



**J'NAI BRIDGES**  
J'Nai Bridges was just 24 and still in school when she sang her first "Carmen" as a young artist at the Glimmerglass Festival in 2011. Bridges will be headlining a production of Bizet's masterpiece at the San Francisco Opera in June.



**JON BON JOVI**  
A restaurant owned and operated by rock musician and New Jersey native Jon Bon Jovi is providing free, hot meals to local federal government workers and their families during the current government shutdown.



**WENDY WILLIAMS**  
Wendy Williams is taking an extended break from her TV talk show to deal with health issues related to her immune system disorder, her family said Friday. The family wrote in a statement that Williams has had complications.

BEVERLY HILLS, CALIF.  
**'Green Book' Takes Top Honor at the Producers Guild Awards**

The Oscars race may have gotten a little clearer Saturday night as the race-themed road trip drama "Green Book" drove off with the top honor at the Producers Guild Awards, winning out over presumed front-runners like "Roma," "A Star Is Born" and "Black Panther." In the broader awards race, the PGAs are a closely watched event. The Darryl F. Zanuck Award winner has gone on to win the best picture Oscar 20 out of 29 times.  
— The Associated Press



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Michael Turco receives the blades from stage assistants and then magically cuts his assistant into pieces, separates her and returns her unharmed during the The Masters of Illusion show at The Sharon.

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Phan, Michael Turco and Tommy Wind, with comedic interludes from a blue-clad group called The Monks.

Each magician had a different style, which allowed "Masters of Illusion" to showcase a broad range of magic approaches.

Throughout the show, the performers intertwined magic with comedy, martial arts, card tricks and participation from audience members.

"We're just trying to figure out how they're doing it all," said Bonnie Wattetet, of Fruitland Park.

She and her husband, Stephen, said they were

enjoying the show because it's good, clean fun for all ages.

Stephen was also impressed with Alonzo's trick, which made girls appear out of thin air.

"Making anyone appear out of thin air is pretty cool," he said.

Ted and Judie Chittick, of the Village of Woodbury, said they enjoyed the whole show.

"Forty-five minutes went by awful quick," Ted said during the show's intermission. "It's great. They're all good in their individual ways."

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**At Sundance Festival, Powerhouse Documentaries Will Be Everywhere**

Mountainside festival, which kicks off Thursday, has become known for launching realistic films.

By LINDSEY BAHR  
The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES  
For documentary filmmakers, there's no place like the Sundance Film Festival.

The mountainside festival which kicks off Thursday in Park City, Utah, has become known for launching nonfiction films to box office successes and awards, and this year is shaping up to be no different. The slate boasts a wide array of films about fallen titans, from Harvey Weinstein to Theraanos' Elizabeth Holmes, music legends Miles Davis and David Crosby, two of Michael Jackson's sexual abuse accusers, the Cambridge Analytica/Facebook scandal, Apollo 11, Mike Wallace, Toni Morrison and Dr. Ruth.

In the past five years, three of the best documentary feature Oscar winners got their start at Sundance — "Icarus," "O.J.: Made in America" and "20

Feet from Stardom." And most of this year's Oscars shortlist premiered and won special honors at last year's festival (like "Shirkers," "On Her Shoulders," "Of Fathers and Sons," "Dark Money," "Crime

+ Punishment" and "Hale County This Morning, This Evening") and some are considered shoo-ins for a nomination, like "Three Identical Strangers," "RGB," "Minding the Gap" and "Won't You Be My Neighbor?"

"Sundance is the greatest launching pad," said filmmaker Julia Reichert. "I can't think of another festival that shows fiction and documentaries that puts as much honor, respect and spotlight on the documentary."



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