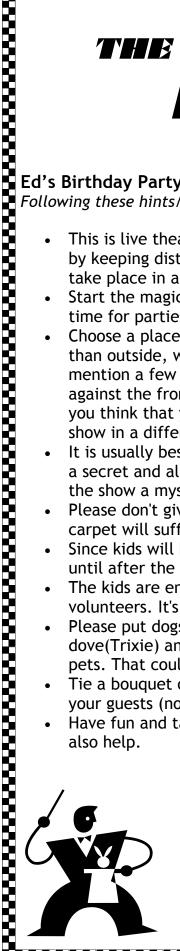
THE MAGIC AND BALLOONS OF ED SCHMUTT

Ed's Birthday Party Hints, Tips and Tricks

Following these hints/tips can help make your child's party the best possible

- This is live theater created for your child. You can help make the most of this experience by keeping distractions to a minimum. Music, TV, and background conversation should take place in another room.
- Start the magic show at least a 1/2 hour after the start of the party. Not all people are on time for parties.
- Choose a place in your home that has few distractions. Inside is always a little better than outside, which tends to compete with birds, planes, and barking dogs. Just to mention a few distractions. It is generally best not to have the magician with his back against the front door or doorway, as latecomers can take away from the performance. If you think that your adult guests will not watch the show, it is usually best to have the show in a different location from the talking adults.

- It is usually best to keep the kids in a separate room while the magician sets up. Magic is a secret and allowing the kids to view the set-up will only take away from the fun. Keep the show a mystery until the magician is ready to begin.
- Please don't give the kids food or drink during the show. Their enthusiasm and your carpet will suffer! After the show is usually the best time to serve cake, food, etc.
- Since kids will be kids, try to hold off giving out noisemakers (horns, blow-outs, etc.) until after the magic show.
- The kids are encouraged to make noise, stand up, wave their arms and come up to be volunteers. It's a good idea to put the glass centerpiece in a safe place.
- Please put dogs, cats etc. in a different room than magic show location. Ed uses a live dove(Trixie) and rabbit(Spotdini) in most shows. Sometimes your pets want to meet my pets. That could be good or that could be bad. Let's not take chances.
- Tie a bouquet of balloons on your mailbox, front porch, or apartment door so it's easy for your guests (not to mention the magician!) to find the party.
- Have fun and take lots of pictures. Ed creates memories that last a lifetime, but pictures also help.



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