

Season 1: The Journey Begins – Rediscovering the Wonder of Magic

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When I created **The Art of Wonder with D-R'TisT-O**, I never intended to produce another podcast that simply explained magic tricks or ranked famous illusions. There are already countless books, videos, and tutorials that teach methods. Instead, I wanted to tell stories—stories about curiosity, wonder, and the unforgettable moments that magic creates. Season 1 became a reflection of my own journey, sharing the experiences that shaped me into both a magician and a storyteller.

Like every magician, I began with curiosity. I wasn't fascinated by secrets alone; I was fascinated by the feeling that the impossible might actually be possible. Long before the internet made information available with a single click, learning magic required patience. Books were treasured, magic shops were destinations, and every new trick represented another step in a lifelong adventure. Looking back, I realize those early years taught me much more than sleight of hand—they taught persistence, creativity, and imagination.

Throughout Season 1, one lesson appears again and again: people rarely remember the mechanics of a trick. Instead, they remember how the performance made them feel. They remember laughing with family, staring in disbelief, or telling the story to someone else days later. The greatest secret in magic is not hidden inside a prop; it lives inside the memories created for the audience.

Many of the stories I shared came directly from real performances. Whether I was demonstrating tricks at a kiosk, entertaining children, performing in restaurants, or simply meeting strangers, every audience reacted differently. Some burst into laughter, others searched for explanations, and a few simply smiled in amazement. Those reactions reminded me that wonder is a universal language that connects people from every background.

Some of the strongest memories came from the simplest effects. A coin appearing from behind a child's ear, a floating dollar bill, a restored rope, or an impossible card trick often created reactions greater than expensive stage illusions. Those moments proved that magic is never measured by the size of the trick, but by the size of the emotion it creates.

One story that continues to stand out involved the floating dollar bill. After performing the effect, I later noticed members of the crew trying to recreate what they had witnessed. That experience perfectly captured what I believe magic should accomplish. The performance didn't end when the trick was over—it inspired curiosity that continued long afterward. To me, that is one of the highest

compliments any magician can receive.

Watching legendary performers also shaped my appreciation for the art. Their greatest strength wasn't simply technical skill. It was storytelling, timing, music, humor, and the ability to make an audience feel part of something extraordinary. Those lessons influenced not only the way I perform, but also the way I tell stories through this podcast.

Season 1 also reminds us that magic doesn't belong only on large stages. Some of the most meaningful performances happen around dinner tables, in restaurants, at family gatherings, or during unexpected conversations with strangers. Those everyday moments often become the memories people treasure most because they feel personal and genuine.

Today, nearly every mystery can be explained with a quick online search. Yet I believe mystery still has tremendous value. Wonder inspires curiosity, creativity, and imagination. Rather than exposing secrets, I wanted Season 1 to celebrate that feeling—the excitement of experiencing something beautiful without immediately demanding an explanation.

Season 1 laid the foundation for everything that followed. It introduced my personal journey while reminding listeners that magic is ultimately about people, not props. Every smile, every moment of amazement, and every shared memory became part of a much larger story. If these episodes helped you rediscover the wonder you once felt as a child, then they accomplished exactly what I hoped. Behind every illusion was once a curious mind, and perhaps that curious mind still lives within all of us.