

BE A STAR



Kids spotlighted in park interactive stage show

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A new family-oriented show at the Prospect Park Visitors Center offers a chance for the audience - especially the youngsters – to end up in the spotlight.

“Movie Magic: The Science Behind the Movies,” an interactive stage show, was introduced to about 150 people Friday at the Festival Theatre in the nation’s oldest state park.

“The kids have a blast because they get to go up and do stuff (on stage),” said Leonard Lipes, vice president for Mad Science, a Montreal – based company affiliated with MGM Corporation.

The youngsters plucked from the audience find themselves fleeting with fame in flashbacks to popular flicks like “Legally Blonde,” “Agent Cody Banks,” “Pink Panther,” and “Rocky”.

Lindy Zucker and Adam Wilkinson; both from Toronto where they studied theatre and comedy, keep the show fast-paced and entertaining. The script draws close attention from the children as evidenced by their willingness to respond even without much prodding from the principals on stage.

“I liked playing wonder woman, it was fun,” said Holly Ivancic, 10, of Niagara Falls. Like others who participated, her role was projected on the large screen after the ‘movie’ was completed.

The 'Movie Magic' show replaces a 22-minute film, "Niagara: A History of the Falls," that was based on Pierre Berton's bestseller.

Parks spokesman Allen James said the current theatre program will be featured through labour day, with shows set daily at 11:30 am, 1:30, 3:30, 5 and 5:45 p.m. Admission is \$6.

Mad Science Productions works through an agreement with the park commission and Delaware North Companies to present the show.

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