

Here's What Happened—

“They Laughed When I Stumbled on Stage, But When I Hypnotized & Mesmerized Them, Everyone Laughed Even More... and So Will You!

Let me confess something embarrassing, the very first time I ever went on stage as “Comedy Hypnotist BLAZE” I was so excited and hurrying that I forgot about the top step on the backstage stairs. There were only three steps. The top step was one giant leap for this man.

All my forward momentum and energy that evening as I bounded out on stage and tripped, sent me stumbling and tumbling down to the stage floor.

The tip of my leading, right foot's tasseled-loafer caught that forgotten top step backstage, tripping me up. I almost fell down flat on my face, splayed out across the stage. Instead, I did a deft shoulder-roll and jumped straight up to my feet smiling, microphone still glued in place at my chin, beads of sweat running down my spine, the left side my black suit now dusty gray.

Talk about 'breaking a leg...' whew – I almost did!

For this first-timer going on stage as a “professional” stage hypnotist those three steps were huge on many levels. That last one, the top step, could've ended my new career before it started had I froze or panicked or forgot my “patter.” None of those possibilities happened because I was prepared. I had memorized and rehearsed pages of hypnosis facts and patter and routines.

This Eagle Scout was prepared as thoroughly as one can be then, my stage hypnotist career was launched as I rolled with it and laughed with the few who hadn't gasped in audience at myself. And yet as I laughed with them at myself, more people laughed and laughed and I became “BLAZE.”

Long ago I realized one has to learn how to laugh at yourself before you've earned the right to laugh at anyone else. Wouldn't you agree?

Everyone in the dark, packed club laughed because I guess they thought my entrance was a deliberate stunt, a pratfall joke. It wasn't... to me.

And, still, they were laughing loudly so I apologized self-deprecatingly (as is my style or sense of humor when nervous). I drew in a deep, relaxing breath and began my show... that first magical night... to all that wonderful laughter and applause. After all, I am a comedic stage hypnotist, a professional who has never stumbled physically since the, and I take my laughs where and when I can... especially when I trip up!

Thanks for laughing at and with me here!