



The Math Maniac Show

By: Taylor Loustaunau - Grade 4, Central Ave School, Naugatuck

I have been to the Palace Theater in the past; however I have never visited the theater as an invited guest to participate in their news program. So this experience was much different, I was able to hear about the theaters full history and what it has been through since 1922. I was also able to understand behind the scenes and what it takes to put on a show.

I was happy to see the show was about math. I actually enjoy math. But this show showed me all different kinds of tricks for math that can be helpful for all. The show stayed interesting because they brought up many members of the audience.

The props and ideas were very educational for all ages. My favorite prop was his pet snake named Stretch. Just to give you a little more about Stretch, he loves rulers! He made me laugh the most.

I hope if you see it you will enjoy it as much as I did.

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By: Casey Bevans - Grade 4, Central Ave School Naugatuck

On November 5, 2010 I went to the Palace Theater to see the show Math Maniac. I learned a lot about the millions place, multiplication, and fractions. I learned that 25% is $\frac{1}{4}$ of 100%, $33\frac{1}{3}$ is $\frac{1}{3}$ of a 100%, and 50% is $\frac{1}{2}$ of a 100%. Then a person brought in a snake and I learned units of measurement. Every time he had a person come up on stage, he made up a funny name for them.

After the show, we interviewed Max Millions, the star of Math Maniac. I learned that he loves performing, he reads a lot of math books, he always wanted to be an actor, and that he is nervous only when he has to perform and ask kids questions.

I would recommend this show to kids because kids can learn from the show.

Math Maniac-Max Millions

By: Angelina Dasilva - Grade 4, Central Ave, Naugatuck

On Friday November 5, 2010 I got to go to the Palace Theater to watch a show called the Math Maniac and take a tour. Our tour guide's name was Karen Streeter and she gave us tons of cool information about the Palace Theater like when it was built in 1920 and when it opened in 1922.

When the tour was over we got to sit in the press box and watch the show. It was really funny and I loved the part when the toy snake came out and started to say silly things. The character Max Millions was really funny too, so I was so excited when I found out that we got to meet him in person backstage and ask him questions. When we finally got there I asked him if he liked being in the show. He said yes and that he can't wait to do his next show in Chicago.

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By: Sarah - Edgewood School, Bristol

On November 4, 2010, the show "Math Maniac" performed for the first time in the Palace Theater in Waterbury. The cast was Max Millions and his assistant, Polly. It was well cast! I think they cast it that way to present him as a teacher, so the children will learn new things about math.

In the show, Max used magic, humor, and props to help you understand math. He talked about fractions, multiplication, decimal places, addition, subtraction, and number places. It was very funny! He even brought children on stage to help him demonstrate math. The theme of the show was math. The kids that came up were the place holders, helpers, or they played his games. It was very educational. It was like you were still at school!

The style was an educational comedy. I can tell because people were learning, while laughing like crazy! Everyone thought this was a great show! The costumes were awesome! Max Millions had a purple jacket with numbers in every size, and a really crazy hairdo! His hair was dyed in a tie-dye of yellow and purple, and it stood up all the way! The costume was really crazy, kind of like he was. The set had a very colorful sign with Max Millions on it, saying, "The Math Maniac, with Max Millions!" It also had lots of number balloons, and a lot of colorful lights. There were lots of props, and the stage was really big! Max Millions started his first show when he was 12! Talk about an early start! He really likes to perform, and he really likes the Palace Theater. This was actually his first time in the Palace Theater! Although, the show was kind of tough for him, but he believes it appealed to the audience. He did this because he likes math, his parents wanted him to be a teacher, and he wanted to be an actor. So, he performs while teaching math, and he is good at it!

At the end of a skit, he'd say, "Well, that's the end of that problem." Then everyone would go, "Aaaaahhhh!" "Don't worry, I have another one!" he'd say. Everyone then would say, "Yaaaay!" I liked the part when he had his puppet snake, Stretch, and Stretch kept mispronouncing inches(ninjas), feet(meat), and yards(cards, leotards). I didn't like when we had to wait a while for the show to start. I also didn't like the part when he said the show was over. Otherwise that, the show was so cool, I want to see it again!

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By: Azelia Deleon - Edgewood School, Bristol

The show was well caste. They cast it in a way where kids were going to get interested. The plot was very funny and interesting to me. Max Million had everyone laughing and kept them always interested in what was going to happen next.

The element that made up the theme was the numbers. There was cards numbers, balloons, dice everything was based on numbers.

The style of the play was cool. I personally think the costumes fit the characters very well. Max's suit was cool with all the different colors, sequences, and numbers. It went well with the character. Yes it added to the character. The director was very special. He knew and loved what he does.

Max Million travels everywhere and enjoys what he does especially math, he loves numbers. Memorable moments were when I saw his hair, the stage, and the theater. In my own opinion I think that the show was very good.

The Math Maniac Show!

By: Chris-Lewis DaCruz - Grade 5, Maloney Magnet School, Waterbury

On November 5, 2010 a select number of students from different schools got to have a tour of the Palace Theater, watch a show there, interview the cast, then write a review. During the tour of the Palace Theater I learned more than I could have imagined. They started building it in 1920 and it was finished in 1922. When it was done, it was originally a movie theater and vaudeville house. During that time there was even a fire. It was shut down in 1986 and later reopened in 2004. After that, the Palace was changed many times. Some things are the same as 1922, like the stairs and mirrors. The Palace was built for everyday people but looks like it's for royalty. It even has gold leaf on the walls. The stage house is one of the biggest in New England. It holds about 2,600 people. Also, it is built like a megaphone so everyone can hear.

When we sat down in the box seats to watch *The Math Maniac Show* we were instantly entertained by the wonderful music. Then in came Max Millions with his assistant Polly. Max always makes math fun. Whether he's explaining place value, arithmetic, integers, fractions, measurement, geometry, or money you're constantly eager to learn more. Hilarious is just one word that describes the show. I didn't think it was possible, but Max made math funny. He gave all the volunteers a new name, like Mike or Lady Gogo. After the show we got to interview Mr. Millions. We asked him some questions and found out that he enjoys performing and numbers. So, as you can see, this was a good show for him. He was nervous before the show and thought it was difficult, but he enjoyed doing it. I highly recommend this show.

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By: Alexandra Leclerc - Grade 5, Maloney Magnet School, Waterbury

On November 5, 2010 we walked away from our ordinary school lives to the exciting Palace Theater. Before seeing *The Math Maniac Show* we got a taste of the rich history. The Palace was a movie theater and a vaudeville house. When the Palace was still a movie theater it had a fire in one part of the building. To save the other parts of the building the firemen sprayed them down with water. Little did they know that it would ruin the hand carved molding of the building. When the building was rebuilt they used some of the original items like the stairs and mirrors. The Palace looks like it was built for royalty, but in fact it was built for people like us. When you look up inside of the theater you will notice many things, like peacocks or eagles carved into the ceiling.

When we took our seats we were immediately entertained by the music. Here comes Max Millions, the star of the show. When Max was nearby math was never hard. Max touched on many different topics. He talked about place value, multiplying with nine, integers, fractions, measurement, geometry, and money. Max was the funniest teacher I've ever had. We interviewed Max after the show. He was very friendly and answered all of our questions. This was his first time performing at the Palace and Connecticut. His parents wanted him to be a teacher, but he wanted to be an actor so he thought this was a good way to do both. Sometimes Max is nervous before a show, but the nervousness is wiped out of him when sees all the people that come to see his performances. Overall, the show was fantastic! I love the Palace and will come back many times.

The Math Manic Show

By: Jill Buckley, Grade 8, Memorial Middle School, Middlebury

On November 5th Max Millions, the Math Maniac, stormed the Palace stage full of energy and knowledge. As part of the Palace's Education Series, he did a phenomenal job teaching children of all ages the fundamentals of math through magic. He brought the audience into the show with over twenty volunteers coming on stage and performing various activities. His show involved not only teaching math, but also life long skills. Every time he sought volunteers numerous hands waved in the air. Even the chaperones seemed to want to take part in the action. His props included a few million dollar bills (fake unfortunately) which the children earned after helping teach math skills such as addition, fractions and place values. With each new skill, the crowd applauded enthusiastically for Max and his magical powers.

Max has been in the theater business since he was twelve. He started as a magician and has traveled to many places, but "of all the places I've been to," says Max, "the Palace has been the nicest." He raved about the extremely large stage, the beautiful art work, and the awesome audience. He said he loved Connecticut and hopes to perform here again in the future. His favorite part of his act is learning measurement with his pet snake (again fake, but this time fortunately). He, along with his assistant Polly, love to entertain and show the importance of mathematics to children. Although he loves his funny jokes and crazy-hairdo, at the end of the day, teaching kids is what really matters.

The Palace's Education Series will also include Cirque Dream Holiday, Star Trek Live and Junie B. Jones. Children are welcome to come and get the 'royal treatment' here at the Palace. For more information go to <http://www.palacetheaterct.org>, visit the box office at 100 East Main Street Waterbury, CT 06702 or call at **203.346.2000**.

Math Mania

By: Megan Civitello, Grade 8, Memorial Middle School, Middlebury

The Math Maniac has arrived,
at the Palace where we sit,
the kids are all excited,
for the show should surely be a hit.

Math and magic paved the way,
and delighted the audience in every way.
We learned zero is our hero and nine is surely fine,
Max Millions teaches why it is fun to multiply.

Adding, subtracting, dividing and more,
there is so much math to explore.
When fractions were applied,
Max Millions taught us to simplify.

The educational series here
was a perfect fit,
for the kids to learn
on a great field trip.