



Photo by Keith McNeill

Magician John Kaplan uses a hoop to demonstrate that there are no strings attached as he levitates Clearwater's Emily Hewlett on a surfboard. Kaplan put on a magic show at Clearwater Secondary School on Tuesday afternoon to benefit the band programs at CSS and Raft River Elementary School.

Band members magically raise money for future trip

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"Totally awesome!"

That was one young critic's assessment of Millennium Magic, a show put on by master magician John Kaplan at Clearwater Secondary School on Tuesday after school.

Sleight-of-hand, beautiful assistants smoke and mirrors – Kaplan had the whole bag of tricks to entertain the crowd.

From people inexplicably disappearing and reappearing in boxes in the middle of the stage, to card tricks, to

small surfers levitating into the air, the talented magician presented the most popular gems from his 20 years of performance experience.

Purpose of the show was to raise money for the band programs at CSS and Raft River Elementary School.

Earlier this school year both the Clearwater Secondary School and Raft River concert bands traveled to the Lower Mainland where they won high honors at the Kiwanis Music Festival. The CSS Jazz Band went to snowy Edmonton and attended the Cantando Music Festival at the University of Alberta.

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