



## News Release

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### **Canton Native Keeps Fair Sideshow Tradition Alive**

**COLUMBUS** – Tim Deremer of Tim Deremer Productions has been operating his sideshow, Palace of Illusions, at the Ohio State Fair for more than 25 years. Deremer, born and raised in Canton, Ohio, is one of only a handful of people in the United States still operating an illusion sideshow.

Deremer grew up going to fairs with his father, where his passion for sideshows first began. After watching a “headless woman” act at the Ohio State Fair one year in the 1970s, Deremer and a friend built their own act, which they took on the road the following summer.

Since then, Deremer, a magician and illusionist, has been travelling around the U.S. to county and state fairs, entertaining fairgoers of all ages with his outrageous and sometimes shocking acts. Deremer’s sideshow is part magic act and part illusion show. The show features acts such as Princess Gabora: The Gorilla Girl and a “real” mermaid.

In the off-season, Deremer owns and operates a professional magic and illusionist supply shop out of his home in Canton and is also the director of the International Battle of Magicians, an annual conference in Canton for magicians and illusionists that will celebrate its 25th anniversary in 2016.

Because of his knowledge and years of experience, Deremer has been referenced in several books pertaining to magic, illusions and sideshows, including “Secrets of the Sideshows” by Joe Nickell and “The Complete Idiot’s Guide to Magic Tricks” by Tom Ogden.

Come and experience Tim Deremer and his incredible Palace of Illusions sideshow, located just south of Main Street Stage for only \$3, along with many more fun and exciting acts at the 162nd Ohio State Fair.

For more information, call 1-888-OHO-EXPO or 1-614-644-FAIR. On the Web, visit us at [ohiostatefair.com](http://ohiostatefair.com).

The Ohio Expo Center is proud to host the Ohio State Fair. With a spectacular midway, big-name entertainment, hundreds of exhibits and one of the largest junior fair shows in the nation, the 2015 Ohio State Fair will run July 29 - Aug. 9.

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