DAVID COPPERFIELD  
Master of Illusions

David Copperfield was born David Seth Kotkin on 16 September 1956, in New Jersey, USA.

From a young age David had a passion for magic and entertaining. He was performing magic to audiences in his home town when he was twelve and by sixteen he was teaching magic at the University of New York.

Two years later, David won the lead role in a Chicago-based Broadway musical, 'The magic man', which broke box office records. He continued to work, tirelessly touring, performing his magic and illusions to audiences across America. This led to his own television show. 'The magic of David Copperfield' became an extremely popular and regular television special across the globe. David performed his greatest magical illusions such as walking through the Great Wall of China, making the Statue of Liberty disappear and levitating across the Grand Canyon. He also survived a plunge over Niagara Falls and was the first person to escape Alcatraz Penitentiary.

David claims that he uses no camera tricks or visual effects and that each illusion takes about two and half years to perfect. His incredible 'flying' illusion was the result of seven years' work.

The world recognised David Copperfield's amazing talent with many awards, a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame and a life-size wax figure of himself at Madame Tussaud's in London.

David created the International Museum and Library of the Conjuring Arts, which houses many of the world's collections of historical documentation and artefacts about magic. He also developed Project Magic, which is run in over 1000 hospitals across the United States. The project helps to rehabilitate people, assisting them regain their health and improve their hand-eye coordination, by teaching them magic tricks to practise.

In April 2006 in Florida, David and two of his assistants were robbed at gunpoint. The assistants gave the gunmen their money and other valuables but, in a police statement, David explained how he used his famous 'slight-of-hand' trick to make his wallet disappear. The men were identified and later arrested.

David continues to do approximately 500 performances each year and has been named as one of the world's highest paid celebrities, with earnings of approximately 57 million dollars a year. David Copperfield combines storytelling, spectacular illusions and entertaining theatre to be one of the world's greatest illusionists.