

Kevin Johnson  
Comedy Ventriloquist



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Kevin has been a ventriloquist nearly all his life. It all started when he was 9 years old, after his parents gave him his first pull-string dummy for Christmas. Having no formal training, he taught himself the art of ventriloquism over a 4 year period. He developed his technique from a parrot. It intrigued him that parrots could speak so clearly without the use of lips. So he re-learned how to speak all together with the use of his tongue and his throat. Is it any wonder that his two closest friends, Clyde and Matilda are birds?

Kevin was introduced to the stage by his grandfather Harley Noles, who performed magic shows throughout Colorado. He told Kevin, "If you get good enough, you can open for my show." At the age of 13, he opened for his grandfather with a 5 minute act with a wooden puppet (Raymond), that his grandfather made for him.

A new character has recently been added to Kevin's show as a tribute to his grandfather, right down to his name, Harley. Adult audiences love this guy. He holds nothing back and believes he is a real ladies man.

Although you'll never see Kevin's mouth move, the real magic happens with the believability of his characters. You'll fall in love with Matilda, laugh hysterically with Clyde and relate awkwardly with Harley. Throughout his show you'll see and experience different variations of ventriloquism. From an audience participant becoming one of Kevin's puppets to a magical drawing board coming to life, his show is a hit to every age. He has a unique ability to appeal to children, seniors and everyone in between.

Kevin is most recognized from his 2006 appearance on NBC's primetime show America's Got Talent. More than 18 million viewers were amazed by his "Godzilla Theater" and Simon Cowell told Kevin, "America loves you."

In February 2007, Kevin achieved one of his lifelong goals when he appeared on The Late Show with David Letterman.

He recently finished a 9 year run at San Diego's Legoland California Theme Park where he performed 8,824 shows. Legoland California nominated him for the Big E Awards through IAAPA and won the honor of "*Best Male Performer*" in 2004 and 2006! Kevin is the only performer to be recognized twice. IAAPA is the International Association of Amusement Parks and Attractions, and includes attractions from over 90 countries.

From corporate events to cruise ships, Kevin has always been known for his "clean comedy" and is loved and appreciated by audiences of all ages.

## Hear what others are saying...

*"Very, very impressive. I've never seen anything like that."*

**David Letterman, The Late Show**

*"I'm not a big fan of ventriloquism, but I love Matilda"*

**Candice Bergen, Actress**

*"Johnson is a ventriloquist. In fact, a right fine ventriloquist."*

**USA Today, March 2006**

*"America loves you"*

**Simon Cowell, Executive Producer, America's Got Talent**

*"I thought it was awesome"*

**David Hasselhoff, Actor**

*"I think what you do is very clever"*

**Piers Morgan, Editor, Judge on America's Got Talent**

*"Kevin Johnson was great! We were very impressed at the effort he took to study up about our company on our website & incorporate into his show. He covered it well, as any great & well-seasoned performer would. All in all, I think he was a big hit with all of our employees. We have such a diverse range of employees to provide entertainment for that it is hard to find somebody for everyone, but Kevin fit the bill perfectly."*

**Boyd & Sons, Inc., Evansville, IN**

*"Kevin is one of the most unique talents around the U.S. He entertains the entire family"*

**Dave Hamner, Illusionist**

*"No, his lips didn't move. And after a while, it didn't matter because the crowd had bought into the believability of his characters. They watched the birds, not Johnson. And they laughed."*

**Modesto Bee, January 1998**

*"WOW!"*

**Dom DeLuise, Actor**

*"Kevin Johnson's seriously funny"*

**Fun World Magazine, April 2002**

*"Kevin enthralled our younger students, while the older students were entertained by his skill and witty, quick humor"*

**Linda Darcy, Principal, Eiber Elementary School, Lakewood, CO**



# Show Credits

## Theme Parks

- Busch Gardens (Summer Nights 2008)
- LEGOLAND California (1999 - 2008)
- San Diego Zoo (1994)

## Corporate Shows

- Ames Construction
- Rocky Mt. Chocolate Factory
- At&t
- UpperDeck
- Hewlett Packard
- Farmers Insurance Co.
- Knudsen Beverage Co.
- Whirlpool
- UCSD (La Jolla, CA)
- City of Carlsbad, CA
- City of Encinitas, CA
- Astec America

## Casinos

- Harrah's Casino (Las Vegas, NV)
- Magic & Movie Hall of Fame (Las Vegas, NV)
- Monte Carlo Sporting Club and Casino (Monte Carlo, Monaco)

## Major Events

- Opened for Tina Turner (2007)
- Opened for Jessica Simpson (2003)
- IVA Festival (Las Vegas, NV 2001, 2002)
- International Nuclear Fusion Symposium (San Diego, CA 2002)
- COOMA (Victoria, Australia 1995)
- San Diego Italian Festival (1994)

## Comedy Clubs

- The Broadway Comedy Club (Manhattan, NY)
- The Comedy Store (La Jolla, CA)

## Television

- The Late Show with David Letterman [CBS] (2007)
- When Will I Be Famous [BBC Prime] (2007)
- The Boomer Show [Wealth TV] (2007)

- America's Got Talent [NBC] (2006)
- NBC Today (with Candice Bergen - 2002)
- Magical Moments [Time Warner Cable] (2001)
- Extreme Gong [Game Show Network] (Winner 1999)
- FOX 4 Rising (Cape Coral, Florida – Promoting Busch Gardens)
- FOX 4 Morning Blend (Cape Coral, Florida – Promoting Busch Gardens)
- KTLA ABC (Los Angeles Studio News Coverage - Legoland California)
- KMAX CBS (Sacramento Studio News Coverage - Legoland California)
- KVVU FOX (Las Vegas Studio News Coverage - Legoland California)
- KNSD NBC (San Diego Studio News Coverage - Legoland California)
- KFMB CBS (San Diego Studio News Coverage - Legoland California)

## **Touring Performances**

- New Zealand (1996)
- Australia (1995)

## **Performance Shows**

- The Welk Resorts Theater (Escondido, CA – 2005-Present)
- D.A.R.E. (San Diego County)
- San Diego County Schools (Elementary - Middle School)

## **Charities**

- Make-A-Wish Foundation
- Carousel Days (MS Research)
- Children's Hospital/ Children's Ward
- Cancer Research for children
- American Diabetes Assoc.

## **Memberships**

- The Academy of Magical Arts, Inc. (Magic Castle, Hollywood, CA)