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"...Magic is capable of creating moments of wonder that inspire and move people into a place of transformation. It's about using this world, where seemingly anything is possible, to offer a new perspective, to get people to see the possibilities around them and wonder out loud, 'What if?"

Dexter, Missouri- Harris III, who is a member of Catalys's pretigous and highly-respected *Young Influencers List*, will be performing at the First Baptist Church tonight at 6:30 p.m. The doors will open at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are \$15.00 for adults and \$10.00 for students (18 and under). Kids (6 and under) will get in FREE! This will be great entertainment for families!

Harris "the Third" has spent the majority of his young life dazzling audiences. His performances have been featured on thousands of stages throughout the United States, and his magic-with-a message has captured the spotlight in over 15 countries on 5 continents. He has performed in Europe, Asia, Africa, and even the Middle East, to the exclusive, members-only club of Manhattan's Soho House, Harris' illusions have captivated spectators in an unusually wide variety of venues.

Harris, who is only in his twenties, has been called upon by Elvis Presley Enterprises to create custom presentations for Graceland, asked to deliver creative messages at fundraising events at venues like the Southwest Airlines Corporate Headquarters, and has been hired to entertain and inspire the staffs and leadership of organizations like North Point Community Church, Focus on the Family, and the Southern Baptist Executive Committee.

Since the age of eleven, Harris immersed himself in performance art. Enlisting the help of Mr. McMichael, (an illusionist he first saw perform in the unlikely venue of a small country church), Harris spent hours, every day, rehearsing. Like a diligent athlete, he practiced the rudiments of prestidigitation and explored the science of misdirection. He polished his presentation and shined up his showmanship until this once disillusioned boy mastered the Art of Illusion, itself.

The instructions Harris received from the mentor he first saw perform "in church", opened his eyes; but not to the magical or the mystical, but rather to matters that truly matter – the spiritual.

"...Every moment of misdirection I create on stage has a purpose; every illusion is intentionally tied together to enlighten, to inspire others to see the deception around them, to learn the truth about lies...and discover their own purpose."

His knack for communicating "the evident of things unseen," often opens the eyes of his audience more than his visual misdirection. And that art of story telling has opened new doors of opportunity for Harris as a respected communicator to conjure up words of inspiration at concerts, in seminars, and in his latest book, **Senseless**. Harris has also created his DVD, **Harris III – Master Illusionist**. The production combines live performances of illusions with an artistic film short.

The story's lessons raise the curtain on the perils of Pride, the dangers of Deception, and the transforming magic of finding one's true purpose.

Harris III is fulfilling his purpose. Through his misdirection, he is revealing the everyday deceptions that detour us from the Truth. And with a masterful sleight of hand he is opening eyes, ears, and hearts to the wonders around us...to matters that truly matter.

### What others have to say about Harris:

"I am a fan of anyone who can entertain and genuinely minister at the same time. That's why I'm a fan of Harris, III. I have seen him in various settings, large and small, and have been completely amazed by his talent. Most impressive, however, is his unique presentation of the Gospel. Harris uses magic as a vehicle to communicate his message in a way that is as unique and memorable as anything I have ever seen. He is a true talent and his style and presentation is universal. It's hard to imagine a setting where it wouldn't be both entertaining and impacting. In a day and age where people have almost limitless choices for entertainment – I can honestly recommend Harris as one of the best choices you could make. His message is eternal."

# -Chaz Corzine, Manager for Amy Grant, Michael W. Smith, Frank Peretti and Others

"Illusion followed by revelation. The true beauty in Harris' show is found in the enlightenment of Truth. Harris and Kate use their gifts to illuminate the deception of this world, and lead people into the person of Truth, Jesus Christ. The show is mesmerizing and entertaining, while the message is clear and inspirational. As their pastor, I have watched Harris and Kate discovering Truth more deeply at every turn in their journey. They are contributing to the Kingdom of God in an incredible way."

### -Jamie George, Pastor, Journey Ecclessia, Franklin, TN

For more information about Harris the third, visit his website: www.HarrisIII.com

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