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CURTIS ADAMS: ADRENALINE—MAGIC THAT ROCKS «Plaza, 7 p.m. Tues.-Sat., \$25 plus tax, (800) 773-0992» A spectacular show that rocks with high energy appeal to all ages. Featuring laughs, dance and state-of-the-art visual effects. Adams has mega-watt energy and a passion for magic that is positively infectious.

PIZZAZZ+DRIVE=ADRENALINE CURTIS ADAMS OFFERS A NEW TAKE ON MAGIC

By **Thom Wise**

In the diverse world of Las Vegas magic shows, it takes something extra to stand out from the crowd. Well, get ready to scream, dance and shout because **CURTIS ADAMS: ADRENALINE—MAGIC THAT ROCKS** (*Plaza*, 800-773-0992) has hit town.

With his megawatt smile and passion for magic, Adams seeks nothing less than to be a consummate entertainer. He dances energetically, works the room with vitality and strives to emotionally touch each and every audience member.

Magic, of course, remains the central showcase of the show, and Adams has been developing his show around the country for many years. He calls it an “evolution, always-growing, ever-changing,” which simply means the guy never sits still. Even as he performs a classic magic trick, such as a Houdini magic box where he’s handcuffed and locked in a receptacle only to emerge seconds later on top of the box, he does it with such high-energy music and flair that it feels new again. A special feature of the show occurs as Adams literally pounds a full-size Lamborghini to rubble, only to have it vanish in the blink of an eye.

There’s an edginess to *Adrenaline*, a look and a desire to break the rules and have you experience magic in a 21st century way. To be sure, there aren’t many magicians who work harder or have the pluck, spirit and vivacity of Curtis Adams.