

# Peter Davison



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### **Peter Davison** *Poet of Motion*

Juggler, dancer and physical comedian: Peter Davison is a one-of-a-kind artist who transforms the stage into a magical world of motion. With virtuoso movement abilities (former National Juggling Champion and winner of the Ballet Builders Award for New Choreography), Peter brings ordinary objects - a chair, table, newspaper, bottle, hats, clothing, trashbags and more - to life in surprising, humorous and, at times, poignant ways. It's a kinetic celebration of life unlike anything you've seen before!

Peter has been described as "The Fred Astaire of Juggling" because of the ease, grace and movement with which he performs. But Peter presents much more than a juggling show: it's a dance/theater performance that conveys a sense of exploration through interactions with objects.

Peter explains, "A lot of my current work is a sophisticated version of how children play with objects, which is creating images and fantasies based on some quality of the object. Objects are creative springboards, and the simpler the object, the more creativity is possible, like when a kid prefers to play with the big box a fancy toy came in, instead of the fancy toy. I also like to explore objects as triggers of emotion or memory, like the way a love letter brings up emotions - a powerful response triggered by just a piece of paper with some writing on it - and the movements that come out of those emotions."

He dances with three different hats, changing character as each hat alights on his head. He uses large plastic garbage sacks as swishing percussion instruments, and then inflating them, turns them into beautiful jellyfish-like objects that float slowly through the air. He combines vaudevillian cane tricks with contemporary dance to create timeless entertainment. Peter's mix of world-class skill with a vivid imagination creates a performance that appeals to all ages.

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