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### Comedy fund-raiser will aid Hope Hospital

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Kevin Lepine is a graduate of East Detroit High. (Photo from Kevin Lepine)

Comedy hypnotist Kevin Lepine will return to his hometown of Eastpointe to perform at a fund-raiser for Hope Hospital of Detroit.

"When I found out they were reopening Hope Hospital I wanted to help out," said Lepine in a press release. "Providing health care for those in need should be everyone's priority."

Lepine and other performers will entertain beginning at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at East Detroit High School at 9 Mile and Gratiot in Eastpointe. Lepine is a 1993 graduate of East Detroit High.

Hope Hospital especially aims to help people who are medically disadvantaged. The nonprofit community hospital and its clinic reopened in 2005 on the site of the former Renaissance Hospital at 1801 Virginia Park in Detroit's New Center.

Tickets are \$10 and are available online at [www.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.brownpapertickets.com).

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## Uncensored Comedy Hypnosis Show at 1515

by  
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You are getting very sleepy. You are getting into your car. You are driving to 1515 Broadway. You are laughing very hard at Hypnotist Kevin Lepine...

Though the secret to Lepine's success may lie in his ability to convince your subconscious mind that he's funny, oodles of people still come out to see him perform.

Kevin Lepine's Comedy Hypnosis Show has sold-out performances across the country. This Friday, he's getting ready to do the same at the 1515 Broadway Theatre in Detroit for a show that promises to be unlike any other.

"I want my volunteers to have the time of their lives. It is important to me that they have more fun than the audience," says Lepine.

A native Detroiter, Lepine recently moved back from New Orleans. He now lives in Warren and travels the comedy circuit, leaving audience members answering their shoes, behaving like rock stars and cowering in fear of imaginary objects.

A certified Hypnotherapist, Kevin is taking hypnosis to a whole new level. Hypnosis works when the subject is in a relaxed state of mind. The hypnotist encourages the subject to focus on something specific and ignore all other stimuli. In this relaxed state, the hypnotist "turns off" the conscious mind, which houses inhibitions, allowing the subconscious mind to take control. This leaves the subject in a child-like state full of playfulness and impulse, willing to try almost anything.

Kevin Lepine's Uncensored Comedy Hypnosis show will be at the 1515 Broadway Theatre this weekend only, May 12th and 13th shows starting at 8pm, tickets \$20. Contact the theatre at (313)965-1515.

If you miss Kevin at 1515, you can also catch his show at the Improv Inferno, a new comedy lounge in Ann Arbor, on May 27th and 28th. For more info, call (734)214-7080 or [www.improvinferno.com](http://www.improvinferno.com).

For more information on the show, check out Kevin Lepine's web page at [www.kevinlepine.com](http://www.kevinlepine.com)

# Under my spell

## Comedy show hypnotizes its audience

By Maria Allard

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Sure, it's performer Kevin Lepine's name that flashes across the marquee, but it's the audience members who become the stars of the show.

Lepine can persuade grown men to dance like Madonna, glue people together and convince audience members napkins are \$100 bills.

The Warren resident and 1993 East Detroit High School graduate does all of this by way of his live action comedy hypnosis show, which comes to Detroit May 12-13 at the 1515 Broadway Theatre, located at 1515 Broadway in Detroit. Show time is 8 p.m.

Bringing a vaudeville feel to the show, Lepine invites 15 to 20 volunteers on stage and hypnotizes them. Under his spell, the volunteers are put in various situations, such as using their shoes as gasmasks or dancing like a pop star, that make the audience roar with laughter.

"Anything is possible, and a lot of it depends on what group I have," Lepine, 30, said. "Through the whole show, you'll laugh. You'll be blown away by what your friends do."

And the guys who swear they never dance are exposed under Lepine's hypnosis. That was the case recently when one of Lepine's volunteers turned out to be the vice president of the Hilton hotel chain.

"He was one of the best Britney Spears I've ever seen," Lepine said. "He grabbed the mic and started singing and dancing. He was Britney."

After the howling laughter, Lepine always ends his show on a positive note.

"In order to thank the volunteers, I give them some positive suggestions to help them in the day-to-day," Lepine said.

Lepine has traveled the country, performing at colleges and comedy clubs, including a recent show performing inside a Puerto Rican rainforest. Audience members have included comedy giant Robin Williams and Harry Anderson, one of the stars of the '80s sitcom "Night Court."

Lepine also performs at corporate parties and recently signed up with of H & H Wholesale, a medical supply company based in Troy.

“I’ve seen his show countless times. Basically, I could see his show another 20 times, and I wouldn’t be any less amazed,” said Howard Goldman, of H & H Wholesale. “I have yet to see a show that didn’t have a standing ovation. He’s the best out there.”

Lepine performed in the Detroit area for several years before moving to New Orleans, where he worked at the New Orleans Theater. He was performing a show in Ohio when Hurricane Katrina hit, joking his one-time apartment is now “a swimming pool.” He has been back to Louisiana since and said “the heart and soul of New Orleans was perfectly intact.”

Check out Kevin Lepine’s comedy/hypnosis show May 12-13 at the 1515 Broadway Theatre, located at 1515 Broadway, across from the Detroit Opera House in Detroit. Show time is 8 p.m. Tickets are \$20, and \$14 for students with student ID.

Seating is limited.

For ticket reservations, call (313) 965-1515.

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# Forget finals, get hypnotized

## Students can take break from finals for a hypnotic experience

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Whether it be making up 25-letter long acronyms for economics principles, making note card piles that oddly resemble "The Iliad" or setting mathematical equations to the funky beats of Kenny G, students have exhausted all methods of trying to cram last minute information in the file cabinets of their brains for exams.

However, there might be a different away to approach exam studying without the loss or damage of hair, nails or other body parts.

Kevin Lepine, a certified hypnotherapist and a Detroit/New Orleans native, will be at Grumpy Dave's tonight making students and their friends rap like Elvis and bow before the holy cow gods, ending the school year on a hilarious upswing.

Steve Sabo, owner of Inside Joke Productions, is responsible for bringing Lepine to the University.

"It's a good week to bring a hypnotist to town. It will help get students to get in a relaxed state of mind and will help you do better on exams," he said.

However, even though Lepine is known for giving friends of participants ultimate "Remember that one time" rights, his hidden agenda is to relax and entertain the audience.

"You will have the time of your life watching it, but you will have more fun participating than watching," Lepine said. "If you participate, you are my new best friend. This is an experience like you have never experienced before. It's more fun to be in the moment than to laugh at it."

Whether you are part of the audience or a volunteer, Lepine states that this will be a memory that you won't be able to forget.

Especially since Lepine claims that even though he has been doing this show for the past seven years, it gets better every night.

"This is a nationally award winning show," Lepine said. "You will be rolling on the floor laughing while experiencing things that will change your life.

Sabo encourages everyone to get a dose of something that is rare in our community.

"This is something that we don't get a lot of here in Bowling Green and this is good, clean

fun. A Hypnotist can never make you do anything that you don't want to do, except give your friends a chance to laugh at you for a bit," Sabo said. "But in the end, you'll be the one laughing because hypnotism will increase your focus and will help you on exams. It's like Viagra for the mind."

The show begins at 9:30 p.m., but due to seating restrictions Sabo encourages students to show up around 8:30 to ensure their dose of mind Viagra.

As space is available, students will be admitted into Grumpy Dave's, which is located above Easy Street Caf☞, for \$3. Those without an ID will be charged \$5.

Sabo encourages students to take a two-hour study break for this opportunity.

"There's no better way to end the school year then coming out on a Tuesday night with your friends and experiencing this unique fun event that will involve you and your friends directly and will make an impact on your lives," Sabo said.