

# TED History - A magical memory 2021



## When I accompanied my father to work I never expected to be shot at...

When I was in primary school, around the age of 10 or 11, my father was a drummer in the Palace Theatre orchestra in Halifax. On some Friday evenings, I would walk with him and watch the show, it was often a variety show. On one occasion I was sat in the crowd and persuaded to help a conjurer. I got up onto the stage and stood next to the conjurer. He produced a banana and put it on my head. He then walked across to the other side of the stage while I faced the audience. He then pulled out a revolver and aimed it at my head. He shot four times. He walked back across the stage towards me and took the banana off my head. He peeled it and revealed that it had been sliced four times and was in five pieces. I was left to with a mouthful of banana while I walked back to my seat.

I was fascinated by the trick and learned how to slice a banana without peeling it. I would recount this story throughout my life and have someone volunteer so I could do the trick. I would fire blanks at the banana and people were fascinated about how the banana would be sliced when I peeled it.



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