



## IT'S HIP TO HYPNOTIZED *Roll with the power of suggestion*

A man who believes his favorite body part is growing beyond all reasonable proportion shifts uncomfortably in his chair. A woman describes in graphic detail how an innocent-looking balloon prop could be used sexually as if she were selling the product. A dozen hypnotized volunteers are convinced that host Michael Johns has lost the backside of his pants. And then the front ... ¶ The comic possibilities are endless as Johns (or Terry Stokes) expertly guides the volunteers through hypnotic induction, much to the delight of the rest of the audience, in **Hypnosis Unleashed**. ¶ After a short monologue in which he introduces the concept, Johns asks for a dozen volunteers to sit onstage. Encouraging even those who remain in the audience to be hypnotized, his breathless delivery slows for just a few minutes. The smarter ones

are the first to be under his spell, Johns says. Relax, let go, "not because I say so, but because it feels good," Johns repeats. ¶ What feels good is the laughter that ensues. The volunteers, he suggests, are on a hot beach, fully relaxed and reclined, seeking refreshment. Moments later, it's freezing onstage, and improbable partners are huddling together tightly to keep warm. ¶ While there's no nudity and the comedian instinctively knows how far to go with each audience, the suggestions get more and more wacky. Those under his spell (and their friends) are encouraged to buy a DVD of the show because this is one of the few times on the Las Vegas Strip the barrier between the performer and the audience is erased. The audience, happily, is the show. —PAUL SZYDELKO  
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