

Even and Odd Numbers

The Piano Trick



This classic of card magic allows the magician to make a single card change places under very mysterious and possibly musical circumstances.



A volunteer sits at a table and places their hands in front of them as if they were playing the piano. From your pack, you take two cards, and place them both between the spectator's third and little finger on the left hand saying, "Two cards, that's one pair."

Then you place another two cards between the third and second fingers saying, "Two cards, that's another pair." Next you put two cards between the first and second fingers saying, "Again, two cards, that's another pair." Lastly for the left hand, you place two cards between the spectator's forefinger and thumb saying something like, "Two more cards, another pair here as well."

Then on to the right hand. You do the same, taking two cards and slotting them in, repeating, "Two cards, another pair", for each finger slot. Move over the hand, but when you get to the final right hand thumb and forefinger, you take only one card. Pop it in stressing, "Only one card, an odd card here."

What goes in must go out. Pair by pair, starting with the left hand, you take the pairs of cards out, and separate them one into each of two piles, side by side. With each pair you say, "Here is a pair" then separate them onto the two piles.

Continue from the spectator's left hand to the right hand, pair by pair, two cards separated into two separate piles until you come to the all important remaining single card. Hand this odd, single card, to your volunteer and ask them to place it on top of either of the two piles. Summon up all your magic acting skills. You simply tap the pile the volunteer placed the final single card on, and say that this single card will magically and invisibly move across to the other pile.