

## Louis Liu—a Famous Magician from Taiwan

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This winter vacation, we have witnessed the miracle done by Liu Qian in the CCTV Spring Festival Gala. Afterwards, Liu's popularity in China soared overnight. More and more people—both young and old—are becoming his fans.

Born in Kaohsiung City, Liu Qian is one of the most famous magicians in Taiwan. His English name is Louis Liu. He began to do magic at the age of seven and gradually became good at it. He learned and created magic all by himself. At the age of 12, he got the gold medal from David Copperfield in the Taiwan Magic Contest of Young People. Even on campus, he devoted himself to magic.

However, what he wanted to be was not a magician at first. When he graduated from Soochow University, he just wanted to be a white-collar worker as others do but failed after hunting for a considerable number of jobs. Then he went on doing magic. Now, magic is no longer his amateur job, it's his life.

The first time he attended CCTV Spring Festival Gala was 2009. During a short period, with some simple props, he showed his talent of magic in front of the audience and shot to fame overnight on the mainland. Again, he brought his excellent performance to Chinese audience in 2010. He also did many road shows in cities like Qingdao, Nanjing and Chengdu.

His creations are usually from daily life, and his tricks are often done with eggs, rings, glasses and cards which we can see and use every day.

Although Liu is active, he will often stay home and practice. Let's wait for his next performance!

