



Born in Kiev, Ukraine while it was part of the former Soviet Union, Kostya Kimlat was three years old when the nuclear power plant accident, Chernobyl, occurred, just an hour away from where his family lived. With the lack of resources and opportunities for the future, combined with the concern of the nuclear fallout, Kostya's parents knew that a better life for the family existed outside of the country. Along with his mom, dad, grandmother, and sister, the family flew in 1992 from Kiev to Moscow to New York, finally settling in Orlando, Florida. His dad taught Kostya his first simple card trick when he was 8 in Kiev, but his interest in magic truly flourished in America at age 12, when he watched *World's Greatest Magic*—an annual TV special on NBC. He began performing at local restaurants and hotels at age 15 and spent his formative years buying and reading every book on magic he could get his hands on. By 18, he'd written his first book for magicians, *Card Work, Card Play*.

Debating on the World Stage

Over the next 10 years, Kostya would solidify his reputation, becoming recognized for both his technical mastery and business acumen, speaking at magic conferences on the techniques, theater, and business of magic. In all, he's presented in 200 cities on 5 continents.

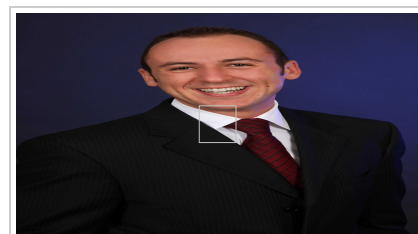
In 2007, Kostya began performing an intimate magic and dinner show at Christner's Prime Steak and Lobster, which *Orlando Magazine* rates as Orlando's best steakhouse and best place to close a business deal. The partnership is still currently running, including guest performers, with over 500 performances.

As his reputation grew nationally, Kostya's base of fans in Orlando has grown. With over 30 appearances on ABC, NBC, CB...

Kostya Kimlat

Speech Topics

- ☐ Sales
- ☐ Magic
- ☐ Experiential
- ☐ Entertainment
- ☐ Customer Service
- ☐ Business Speakers



Testimonials

"Everyone was blown away, it was truly an inspiring experience. We loved having Kostya, and suggest anyone who wants to do something a "little different and memorable", should book with Kostya."

- Peak Living, LLC.

"Recently I hired Kostya Kimlat for a virtual event. He pretty much does the impossible...he really made the event turnkey, unique and extraordinary through his production, interactive techniques, warm personality and charisma. He engaged my very diverse and broad audience and helped create a virtual community. The event was fun, exciting and was totally enjoyed by all. The post-event "buzz" was really great. I highly recommend Kostya without any reservation. He is very skilled and versatile."

- Adolph and Rose Levis JCC.