Megastars in Greenville, SC

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Blue Man Group: How to be a megastar tour 2.0 Bi-Lo Center, Greenville, SC April 17th 7:30 p.m.

If you get the chance to see any incarnation of the blue man group, do it. You will not regret it.

The group recently performed on the "How to be a Megastar Tour 2.0" at the Bi-Lo Center in Greenville, SC, and it really was a unique and fun experience. It's hard to categorize the show that this group puts on: part performance art, part rock concert, part comedy routine, part athletic stunts, part deep-seated societal metaphor. And the group excels within all of these genres of entertainment.

Right before the group hit the stage, the display screens played a video showing root canal procedures, before quickly being interrupted by saying "sorry, the dentistry convention was last week, this week is the blue man group," which set the stage for the bizarre humor that was to follow.

From that point on, the audience was bombarded by wild, percussion fueled music and vibrant, occasionally psychedelic, visuals for the rest of the night. An early high point was the teamwork skit where one of the blue men drums on the pvc pipes that the other two are holding. After much humorous problem solving, the trio finally works together and assembles the entire pipe into one instrument and the back-up band joins in to create a full-blown rock song.

Much of their show features such a balance of funny situations coupled with serious overtones. Occasionally though, the music takes a break while the blue men go out into the audience and interact in various ways. Their show is probably one of the most interactive and crowd participatory events out there, considering the size and draw of the event.



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Aries: It's so over. What will you do with your spare time? Lucky Color: Berries and Cream

Taurus: Don't be nervous. Just hope everything will be okay. Lucky Color: Burnt-up Pizza

Gemini: We wonder where you are. We are sad. Lucky Color: Mahogany

Cancer: So long crabbies. Do not mate too much. Little crabs are gross and not edible. Lucky Color: Jelly White

Leo: You picked up your phone and said hello. You might actually have learned to be courteous. Lucky Color: Verizon Red

Virgo: Do not stare too hard today. You may see something you don't like. Lucky Color: Intel Blue

Libra: Sing a song. It may help you weigh out your situation a little better. Lucky Color: Cat Head Rot

Scorpio: The oracle thanks you for feeding them and keeping smoke out of their noise boxes. Lucky Color: Wind Prancer Pink

Sagittarius: See you at the party Friday girl (boy)! Lucky Color: Bleach

Capricorn: Not interested. Lucky Color: Thunderstorm Purple

Aquarius: You too will have a throne of obsidian and we shall love you forever. Thank for preventing hazards in the night. Lucky Color: Wind Dancer Gray

Pisces: Neanderthals are not attractive. Lucky Color: Leviathan Green