

MIND OVER MATTER: Initially radio presenter Buli G (centre) was skeptical about having her mind read by American "mentalists" Tessa and Jeff Evason – but they soon surprised her.

Picture: Mike Holmes



Vegas pair's power-of-the-mind act is simply out of this world

Mind reading and other unexplainable feats wow global audiences

By Francois Rank

USING the power of the mind to explore a metaphysical world which transcends all ordinary perceptions is how a Las Vegas couple manage to leave audiences around the globe completely gob-smacked.

International performers Jeff and Tessa Evason – who are in Port Elizabeth this weekend – describe what they do as "mentalism" and any person lucky enough to catch their act witnesses all manner of mind-blowing spectacles.

Extra sensory perception, telepathy, super memory, prediction, telekinesis, levitation, flying tables, mind reading and other unexplainable feats are all on the couple's programme as they wow audiences on a whirlwind tour of Sun International casinos in South Africa. "Tessa has to start small," Jeff said this week.

"It's like warm-ups and she usually starts with numbers – she does some amazing things with numbers.

"Then it gradually works up to me being in the audience and her on-stage with a blindfold and then we go into mind over body.

"People will go way beyond their

physical limits. We do a form of levitation."

The pair are quick to warn people not to make assumptions about what to expect when they go to see the show.

Jeff said: "We take people down a path where their minds open up. They let all their inhibitions go and they are in a suspended belief."

The Evasons claim to use no gimmicks and are so confident in their abilities, they offer \$25 000 (R150 000) to anyone who can prove otherwise. "It just seemed the natural way for us because so many people are skeptical about what we do. But that's okay – we want to entertain people."

At the invitation of Weekend Post, singer and radio personality Buli G helped put the Evasons to the test.

Tessa, her eyes closed and her back turned on Buli, correctly described each item Buli removed from her bag and placed on a table.

Tessa also managed to pick out one of Buli's bad habits.

"I sense that this has something to do with habit – an emotional or physical habit. Are they cigarettes? Are they Cartier?" The answer to both questions was "yes".

Tessa was also able to tell how

many cigarettes were left in the box – exactly seven – something Buli was not even sure about.

Jeff and Tessa met 21 years ago when they were working at a fashion show in Toronto, Canada.

Jeff was a presenter and Tessa a model in the show.

Jeff said: "When we met I had seen her at this party playing this guessing game with the guests.

"She was right every time. I went up to her and asked her if it was a trick or skill and our friendship just grew from there."

After discovering their mutual interest in the metaphysical, Jeff and Tessa decided to form a partnership.

They met a retired couple who were also mentalists and learnt everything they could. The couple perfected their art and played in venues across Canada as well as cruise ships in the Caribbean.

Three years ago they moved to America and have now performed at some of the flashiest venues in the world.

□ Only the Boardwalk Casino's MVG (most valued guest) card-carriers will be able to catch the Evasons tomorrow night for their last performance.