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**ALL THAT GLITTERS:** With the shake of his hand, magician Danny Orleans turned a cane into a silk scarf, in the process sprinkling magic dust onto the stage at Riverside Theatre. How did he do it? It was all part of the "Merry Cranberry" Magic show last Saturday.

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**A TRUE FAN:** Five-year-old Lauren Ryall of Vero Beach watches with interest as magician Danny Orleans shows her the wonders of a magical fan.

## 'Merry Cranberry' gives audience magical powers, holiday cheer

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Five-year old Lauren Ryall of Vero Beach never knew she had magical powers.

But Saturday afternoon she made a candy cane grow by itself on the stage of Riverside Theatre auditorium.

Ryall was one of almost 500 children and their parents who attended the magic show "Merry Cranberry" staged by Chicago-based professional magician Danny Orleans and his assistant "Twinkle," played by Jan Rose.

The show centered around Twinkle's unsuccessful attempts to conjure up Christmas presents for Danny by using some of his magic props.

Orleans used audience volunteers to help him conjure up his gifts for Twinkle.

He made magic crayons fill in a coloring book on their own, pulled a dove out of a scarf and caused flowers to bloom out of thin air. A magic wand he waved touched off thunder and strange lights. Orleans placed a young girl named Stephanie into a large box. When he reached back in the box, however, Stephanie, to the audi-

ence's amazement, had become a white rabbit.

"Your ears are still a little long, but they'll go back to normal tomorrow," Orleans told the smiling girl after changing her back.

When Twinkle accidentally imprisoned Orleans in the magic box, the audience helped free him by yelling the magic words, "Merry Cranberry" in unison.

"The magic isn't in the props: it's inside you. You've learned one plus one makes magic — and friends," Orleans told Twinkle as the audience applauded loudly.