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**WORLD CLASS SHOWMAN LEAVES HARLEM GLOBETROTTERS
AND JOINS THE HARLEM WIZARDS**

The Harlem Wizards are thrilled to announce that Dwayne “Swoop” Simpson has joined the Harlem Wizards.

Swoop was a budding star with the Harlem Globetrotters last year, and before that he was a showman, with another entertainment team, the Harlem Rockets. The Performance with Swoop never ends, before, after or during the game! He is the Shakespeare of Show basketball; All The World is A Stage for Swoop.

Todd Davis President of the Wizards said, “What struck me about Swoop, when I first saw him perform was that it was obvious that there was no acting going on, that he was a Big Kid having a great time on the court, while holding court!” Casey Schofield, the Wizards MC who has worked with Swoop for two years with another show team said, “Swoop doesn’t flip a switch, he is that crazy, fun personality 24/7.”

Davis said, “It is a thrill to be able to have our fans enjoys his creative and zany humor. He will be adding a fresh perspective into the show and Organization, teaming with all the players, and our other showman, Tojo and Broadway.”

Dwayne grew up in New Brunswick, NJ, played at St. Peter's HS, and was selected to the Middlesex County All-star Team. He went on to play and study at Southern Connecticut State University where he was apart of the 1997 New England Conference & North East regional Championship team. Then also made it to the division II Elite 8 Quarterfinals where they had lost to the eventual championship team Cal State Bakersfield. Dwayne was a lunch pail player who did all the hard work, all the little things to help a team win; now he does things big and little to make the show great.

His best game in high school was against Perth Amboy Tech High School in the Middlesex divisional championship, and this lanky, tall be goggled, high sock wearing young man had the dunk of his life, that brought the house down and made the first page of the sports section. Dwayne had also played against the high school perennial powerhouse, St. Anthony's High School, coached by Bob Hurly. Despite his battle between a 7 footer and 6'9 contenders they had only lost by a few points in the state championship.

Back then, the goggles were useful, but the prop made for a spectacle and not much has changed! Dwayne is not shy about using props, gimmicks, dancing, visual comedy, or whatever is needed to bring people to their feet, and keeping laughing all night long.

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