

A Evening with Tom Hanks
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I was sitting nervously in the red velvet chair, tugging at my dress. I felt like a bomb, ticking away until I exploded from excitement. My calm father and a lady who smelled like a lot of perfume sat next to me. They were acting like they were about to watch a movie, or simply order a cup of coffee. When the reality was so much better.

I wasn't going to watch a movie or about to order coffee. No, instead i was getting ready to see a presentation given by Tom Hanks himself. When he first came out on the stage, i think i forgot to breathe. There he was, a mere five feet away from me! But as he talked, i began to relax.

Tom Hanks talked about what exactly actors do, which was acting out history and stories so us audiences could fully appreciate them. He showed us movie clips, which included Civil War, Space Odyssey, Band of Brothers, Apollo 13, The things that we do!, The best times of our lives, The Pacific, and others. During these clips, he showed us how difficult it was for directors and screenwriters to bring the past alive enough to entertain us. After that he did a question and answer segment, where he ended up talking about his movies Forrest Gump, Saving Private Ryan, Castaway, and The Green Mile. Mr. Hanks even explained that being an actor was more fun than having fun.

The entire presentation was a blast and so much fun to be at. Because the truth was: Tom Hanks could laugh, joke, and charm his way into anybody's heart.

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